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FACULTY SENATE

Faculty voice opinions of possible status change

By NICK PARKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As talk of a status/name change for Missouri Southern gets louder, College faculty voiced their opinions of possible names Tuesday and Wednesday during open forums sponsored by the Faculty Senate.

The purpose of the forums was to gauge the faculty's opinion of Southern taking on university status and determining a new name to go alongside university. Some 25 faculty and administrators attended each day.

"One person after another voiced their support for university status," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, Senate president. "The reasons varied from faculty member to faculty member, but it was near-unanimous agreement."

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Searching for an identity

A letter has been sent to members of the faculty as well as Missouri Southern alumni by the College's administration. The letter contains a poll, of which a portion is shown below.

1. Are you in favor of a change to university status for Missouri Southern? YES ☐ NO ☐
2. If yes, which of the following names would you favor?

Alumni respond to poll

By AARON DESLATTÉ
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Responses to an alumni mailing regarding the possibility of changing Missouri Southern's status and name are rolling in, according to College administrators. Among the 10 names listed as possible choices on the form are Mark Twain University, Missouri International State University, and Missouri Southern State University.

TURN TO ALUMNI, PAGE 5

MISSOURI 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

College loses friend, Gene Taylor dies

By ERIC GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

Missouri lost a friend and lively spirit early Tuesday morning when Gene Taylor, who represented southwest Missouri in Congress from 1973 to 1989, died at the age of 70.

U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) of the Seventh District remembers Taylor by one of his best-known qualities — the ability to tell stories from the cornucopia of which he had stored.

"Hundreds of times in the last two years, my colleagues who served with Gene have said, 'He was the best storyteller to ever serve here and the story always made a point that cleared up what we were trying to decide,'" Blunt said.

Charles Nodler, Spiva Library archivist, also remembers Taylor as a "good friend" as well as the



Gene Taylor
Former Missouri Congressman

teller of stories. Nodler compiled a collection of Taylor stories in his book, *Bracing the Cornerpost*. They met at the Newton County courthouse in 1972 and were friends from there on.

"In Congress, he was known as the sage of the Ozarks," Nodler said. "He was a real down-to-earth guy who would know you by your first name."

He said he'll continue to "remember the good times" he had with Taylor.

Taylor's many contributions to the area brought him recognition and honor. Such recognition included having a museum and library named after him in Sarcoxie as well as Taylor Hall at Missouri Southern. It was his "pushing" that helped turn Southern into a four-year school in the 1960s.

"It was recognition for the tremendous support that the congressman gave to the creation of the four-year college," said College President Julio Leon. "He was always focused on education. He was an active member of the Board of Trustees."

Taylor served as a trustee for eight years.

TURN TO TAYLOR, PAGE 8

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Department welcomes seashell collection

By MARLA HINKLE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

A "fantastic" collection of shells ranging from the ordinary to rare soon will be displayed for students and faculty.

Missouri Southern's biology department has received a complete collection of shells donated from a friend of the College. Dr. John Messick, head of the department, described the donation as highly beneficial to the entire campus as well.

"This is the most well-documented and complete collection I have ever seen," he said.

He said the shells were donated by Ken Lewis of Overland Park, Kan.

"Mr. Lewis was friends with some members of the Board of Regents, and he decided when his wife passed away to donate their extensive collection somewhere people could enjoy seeing them," Messick said.

There are many rare varieties of shells in the collection as well as the more ordinary gastropods (snails) and bivalves (clams), he said.

Other faculty who have seen the collection are also impressed by its vastness and quality.

"Some of the shells are very old and rare, dating back 450 million years

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SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



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Holly Ripper (right), along with approximately 125 members of the Missouri Southern community paid tribute to the life of former student Jason Oscar Johnson. A tree was planted outside Webster Hall in his memory, Wednesday afternoon.

Service honors memory of Johnson

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

On the night Jason Oscar Johnson was mortally wounded, rain fell in Joplin.

The skies were again overcast Wednesday afternoon as Johnson's friends gathered south of Webster Hall to mourn his loss and celebrate his life with the planting of a tree in his memory.

The young maple was chosen for its beauty. It will now shade the ugliness of his murder.

Johnson, 28, a junior sociology major, died Oct. 5.

"We wanted to do this about this time," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology.

Gubera said the period of two to four weeks after a tragedy is one of the hardest on mourners. He said the service was held to help Johnson's friends and family recover.

Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, organized the event.

"In my 32 years here I have never been a part of anything like this," Gubera said. "It was special."

The tree was the 199th planted on campus in honor of an individual.

"A tree is significant for what it represents,"

Gubera said.

Al Wood, campus gardener, said it was the perfect time of year to plant the tree.

"When people see that, it will help remind people what kind of person he was," Cabaugh said.

The tree planting is the last planned tribute to Johnson. An estimated 125 people attended Wednesday. More than 500 attended funeral services in St. Louis.

"It was beautiful," said Holly Ripper, Johnson's girlfriend. "I am sure J. was looking down and was very proud."

Christine Castetter, senior sociology major, arranged for a stone marker by the tree to be donated by Womack Monument. Missouri Southern Television filmed the ceremony for Johnson's family.

Karla Hoyt, senior special education major, put a memorial book together with collections of writings by Gubera; Dr. James Geier, assistant professor of sociology; and students.

Johnson's picture will hang permanently outside the social science student lounge on the second floor of Webster Hall. □



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What's Inside



Two separate trips to Station Casino in Kansas City offer different perceptions of the gambling experience....A Closer Look, Page 9

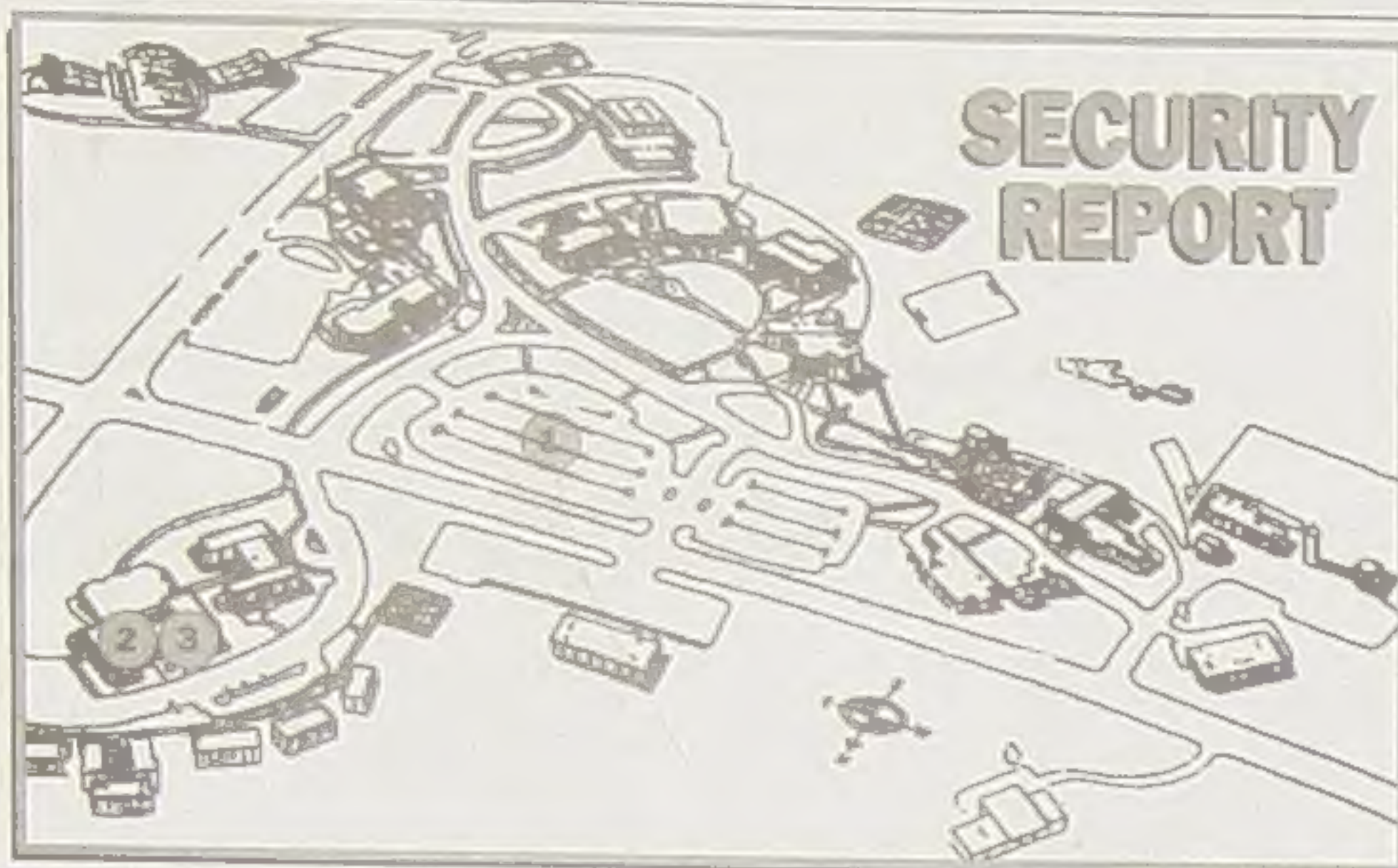
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1	10/26/98	Lot #39	11:10 a.m.	Jesse Bruce, freshmen undecided major, advised he had parked his truck at 8:45 a.m. in the main parking lot. When he returned at 11:10 a.m. he found damage to the rear window of his car. The back glass was still in place, but severely cracked. He advised it appeared the glass had been struck by a small object in the lower left hand corner. He stated when he got into the truck and closed the door the glass fell out.
2	10/28/98	Blaine Hall	5:20 a.m.	Charles Grenier, Blaine Hall custodian, advised he had discovered a broken toilet stool in the third floor bathroom.
3	10/28/98	Blaine Hall	9:00 p.m.	Security was contacted by the staff assistant from Blaine Hall in reference to a broken window. It was determined that a shoe was thrown from inside the building. No one saw who threw the shoe. The window is located on the third floor on the even end in the hallway.

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President full of vigor

University leader accessible to students, proud of family unit

By CALE RITTER
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

ANSBACH, Germany — Recently I had the opportunity to interview the president of Fachhochschule Ansbach, the university of applied sciences I attend.

An extremely enthusiastic man, Bernhard Krämer is a pleasure to meet.

Where this man falls short in stature, he more than makes up for with the amount of energy he possesses and the energy that surrounds him.

Because this is still a young university and there aren't an overwhelming number of students (currently only about 450), President Krämer is still reachable to the students.

This is not always possible in other larger universities. I believe this is an encouraging aspect for the students. He seems to be so positive all of

the time.

He is proud of this university, its growth, and its future. He is responsible for beginning this school.

Currently, there are many renovations going on around the campus. Everyone is excited about the finish of these buildings and the construction of new structures. I think part of the students' anxiousness is spurred by Krämer's attitude.

Another thing that sparks his attention in his family. He is obviously very proud of his family. His wife's name is Christl, and he has three children, who are all full-grown. He has one son, Gunter, and two daughters, Sigrun and Heidrun. Krämer has a grandson, named Marc, who is 5. His face truly shows his excitement and love for these people.

Part of the reason President Krämer is in such good spirits is his good health. He regularly exercises three times each week. On these days, he does swimming, bicycling, and various aerobic activities. Not bad for a guy who just turned 60.

At his birthday party, there were opening speeches given to invited guests to mark the beginning of the new academic year. Some of the people at the party were important people and leaders from the city and state governments, presidents of the courts in Ansbach, mayors of Ansbach and several surrounding towns, many men of influence in Bavarian government, representatives from the American and German armies, a TV station, and several newspapers.

Although he has traveled all over Europe and many locations around the globe, one of his favorite places to visit is the island of Ruegen. This is a very old holiday island in Germany, and is also Germany's largest island. It is located in the former Eastern Germany. President Krämer enjoys life like any other man, but he truly loves his work, and I think everyone at the Fachhochschule is aware of this.

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Cale Ritter
European
Correspondent

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Campus Activities Board

STUDENT SENATE

Body meets with College officials

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Go to class! The exclamation was the message Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, conveyed to the Student Senate in the administration's annual meeting with the representatives.

Senators were concerned that faculty were being allowed to manipulate academic policy by setting attendance requirements.

Bitterbaum said he had strong feelings on the subject. He stressed that many classes are not successful without student dialogue and some faculty spend great amounts of time on preparation.

Dr. Julio Leon, College president, rejected a common student argument for missing class. He reminded senators that students do not pay the entire cost of their education. The state subsidizes one-third of tuition, and the College provides scholarships to many.

"Go to class," Bitterbaum said at the close of the meeting.

Other subjects covered in the meeting were 88.7KOMS, library hours, the Billingsly Student Center food-court, graduation by department, crosswalks, the Mansion, and the status/name change.

Senator Rob Huffman reported that many students he surveyed were not even aware of the existence of 88.7KOMS. He suggested that a format change would increase student participation.

Leon said the fine arts radio station is licensed to the Board of Regents.

The classical format was its decision. The format does not compete with commercial stations and provides the market with a classical alternative.

"In general, that is the rationale for maintaining the classical format," he said.

AFRICA SEMESTER

Ballet offers cultural experience

Troupe comes to Southern

By GINNY DUMOND
MANAGING EDITOR

With the flavor of traditional African dance and rhythms inspired by a Brazilian background, the Ballet Folclorico Do Brasil is sure to be a truly cultural experience for the Missouri Southern campus.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 in Taylor Auditorium, the group of native Brazilians will perform Afro-Brazilian dances and rituals from Brazil's northern state of Bahia. Admission is free.

"The area of Brazil they are from has origin from African slaves," said Gary Lindsey, a representative of Artist Services. "Even today it is the largest area of the world of direct African descent outside of Africa. They have maintained African culture, dance, music, and in many cases, religion."

"The Ballet Folclorico Do Brasil will provide a transition from Missouri Southern's 'Africa Semester' to its spring symposium on the Panama Canal and the role of Latin America for the fall 1999 semester."

"Students and people of the community who do not attend this performance will be missing one of the greatest shows ever to hit the stage of Taylor Auditorium," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, assistant director of the Institute of International Studies, which is sponsoring the Los Angeles-based troupe. "It has been praised by critics from the Western and Southwestern states."

"Because of the history of Brazil and it being a Portuguese-speaking country, there are several cultural aspects to the performance one might not expect."

"Well, there are several influences both from Portuguese and American Indian heritage expressed in the show as well," Lindsey said.

While the program opens with a purification dance, the dance that perhaps gets the most attention is the capoeira. Capoeira is actually a style of acrobatic dance derived from a martial art that was used by the African people in Brazil during their struggle to be liberated from slavery.

The company's founder, Amen Santo, has been featured in Carnegie Hall, Nike commercials, and Hollywood action films. Lindsey says there is a high level of excitement at performances.

"It becomes audience participation almost," he said. "There is even a dancing-in-the-isles-type dance, and I'm sure everyone will have the opportunity to get involved."

"It's very up-beat, very high-energy, and very exciting."

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 12, members of the troupe will present a lecture and demonstration in Taylor Auditorium. □

Amy Graves, Senate vice president, reported that the library is closing earlier than the posted times. She had found that the circulation desk clock is eight minutes fast and library computers are shut down at least 15 minutes before the 11 p.m. closing time.

"If they want to close at that time, they should post it," she said.

Bitterbaum said the administration would look into the concern. He said the library staff has been afflicted by illness and is looking at adding an additional part-time worker.

Senator Leslie Craig asked to address rumors that fast-food establishments may occupy the BSC second floor after the cafeteria moves to the Student Life Center.

"Our long-term plan is to convert to a food-court plan," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

He said, though, that lack of evening traffic may make the location unappealing.

"It may be hard to negotiate," he said, "but we will try our hardest."

Senator Lisa Bandy suggested that graduation ceremonies be divided by department so students may receive their diplomas with their colleagues. Bitterbaum said the idea would be studied.

Several senators expressed concern about not having a sidewalk from the intersection of Newman and Duquesne to Webster Hall. The lack of a sidewalk is an inconvenience for students parking in lot 42.

Senate President Jesse DeGonia asked Leon if the change of status to university would affect tuition. Leon assured him that fees would not change for that reason.

DeGonia said students strongly supported the name Missouri Southern State University in a poll conducted by the Senate in the Fall Freakout last week.

Leon said the College is in the process of drafting a proposal for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to review

in December. If the CBHE approves, a status/name-change bill must pass the Legislature and be signed by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

The Senate soon will hold a forum for students on the name change.

Parliamentarian Sandy Fisk questioned Leon about the status of the Mansion. Leon said the College plans to restore and furnish it as a showcase.

"It will be restored," he said.

Representatives of Southern Concepts did not attend the meeting as scheduled. Their request will be heard next week with a new request from Koinonia Christian Campus Ministries. The treasury balance remained \$4,800.

Seven senators were absent from proceedings: Brandon Fuhr, Heather Hoyle, Steven Bishop, Dave Finken, Brea Vancil, Carrie Dice, and Julie Droz. A junior representative position will be filled at the next meeting. DeGonia said interested students should attend. □

SENATE COFFERS

OCT. 28 REQUEST:

■ Visit from administration

NEXT WEEK:

■ Southern Concepts
■ Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$4,800

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Seminar to aid coping with hostile persons

The Modern Communications Club will host a seminar titled "Dealing with Difficult People" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall auditorium.

The study and dissection of human communication and interaction can help solve problems before they are inflamed into unnecessary forms such as "road rage" or "consumer rage." The goal of the seminar will be to educate the audience about interpersonal communication in service settings and how to avoid or defuse said situations from either side of the counter or payment desk.

Personal experience and clinical perspectives will be the educational derivative from the panel of speakers. A question and answer session will follow. □

Forty-seven in field student teaching

Forty-seven education majors at Missouri Southern are engaging in their student teaching "professional semester" in the teacher education program. The experience is one of the requirements for graduation with a bachelor of science degree in education.

All 47 of the teacher candidates will be in classrooms for 10 weeks under the supervision of a certified teacher.

The student teachers meet rigorous admission standards. They must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade-point average and a 2.5 GPA in their majors, pass all sections of a comprehensive core curriculum exam covering areas such as social studies, math, language arts, and other areas; receive a recommendation from a faculty member outside the teacher education program; have an ACT of 20 or higher; and write an autobiography.

Students apply for tentative admission at the beginning of their junior year, then apply for the student teaching experience at the beginning of their senior year. The student teaching semester is the culminating experience and all course work must be completed.

One of the largest teacher education programs in the state, Southern is one of only two in Missouri with a competency-based teacher education program. Candidates must demonstrate mastery of 71 competencies, such as well-developed lesson plans and classroom management skills. □

Award-winning editor hosting education forum

Forest J. "Frosty" Troy, editor of the award-winning Oklahoma Observer, an independent journal of politics, government, and social issues, will speak in an educational forum at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Billingsly Student Center at Missouri Southern.

Jointly sponsored by the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence and the Jasper, Neosho, and Duquesne branches of Southwest Missouri Bank, the forum will be attended by local educators, board members, government officials, and community members from a five-county area. Participants were invited by administrators of the school districts in the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence consortium. □

Residence hall to host safe Halloween event

Residents of McCormick Hall at Missouri Southern are opening their doors for the annual Safe Halloween from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Sponsored by the Missouri Southern Residence Hall Association, the Safe Halloween event is open to children up to and including sixth grade. The children will be able to have a fun-filled evening as they trick or treat through the more than 40 rooms.

Refreshments will be provided for adults. □



Members of the Missouri Southern dance team combined the Homecoming talent show on Oct. 22 with the spirit of Halloween as they performed a rendition of Michael Jackson's Thriller.

ANNIE BAXTER AWARDS

Honoree takes strides for the elderly

Southern grad receives area leadership award

By GINNY DUMOND
MANAGING EDITOR

This year as Missouri Southern picked an outstanding woman in government and politics to present with the Annie Baxter Award, the College chose one of its own.

The 1998 recipient is JoAnn Freeborn, former director of the Area Agency on Aging. Freeborn graduated from Southern in 1987 with a communications major and social science minor. She came to the College as a non-traditional student shortly after spending several years caring for her husband's terminally ill parents.

"It was just absolutely overwhelming, the generosity of those who would consider me worthy of such an award," she said Tuesday.

"It was also a very special experience receiving the award on that campus."

Freeborn paid tribute to the faculty of Southern for helping her achieve her goals.

"The administration, Mr. [Richard] Massa, Dr. [Pat] Kluthe, and Dr. [Richard] Miller all worked together with me to help me accomplish my goal," she said.

Miller, head of the social science department, says Freeborn always stood out in classes.

"Her enthusiasm and excitement were always there," he said. "She was always asking, 'Why can't we do it like this?'"

Before graduating from Southern, Freeborn began as an intern at the Area Agency on Aging. She was promoted to information and referral director and served as Agency director from May 1995 to May 1997, when she retired for health reasons.

"She's got a heart as big as the world, and no one deserves to be honored more than JoAnn," said Richard Russell, current director of the Agency on Aging.

One of Freeborn's greatest accomplishments was a seven-year battle for transportation in Joplin for the handicapped and elderly that resulted in the Metro Area Paratransit System (MAPS).

"One of my greatest rewards is walking the streets of Joplin and seeing the MAPS vans picking up the disabled and elderly," she said.

Annie Baxter award recipients

1990: Marjorie Bull
Jasper County Clerk

1991: Joy Thompson
Joplin County Clerk

1992: Harriet Woods
Natl. Women's Caucus

1993: Karen McCarthy
Missouri State Legislator

1994: Cheryl Dandridge
Former Joplin Mayor

1995: Raeanne Presley
Branson Businesswoman

1996: Susan Redden
Joplin Globe writer

1997: Charlene Betebener
Alba City Clerk

1998: JoAnn Freeborn
Area Agency on Aging



JoAnn Freeborn

TURN TO ANNIE BAXTER, PAGE 5

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Wayne, Garth were wrong

Worthiness is a subjective view and a self-conscious excuse for ignoring higher educational needs.

Some feedback Missouri Southern has received has shown there still exists an opinion that Southern might be unworthy of a university designation.

Because we don't offer graduate programs. Because enrollment isn't as high as at other "universities."

State Sen. Dick Webster knew the time was right in 1965 for Joplin Junior College to take the next step in becoming a four-year institution. JJC had long since outgrown itself. The citizens of southwest Missouri needed something better. Never in his dialogue with JJC's constituents did the status-change suffer such duress at the expense of a hypothetical worthiness complex. The need for an upgrade existed. Those involved acted upon that need. Never did Webster stand before JJC alumni and say "Southwest Missouri isn't worthy of a four-year institution."

If he had, tar and feathering may have been reintroduced to the political process. Today, College President Julio Leon realizes the need for an upgrade exists.

Athletic recruiters who watch the "universities" land the best athletes know an upgrade is needed. Faculty members who travel overseas and are shown the barrel-bottom of professional hospitality by colleagues at other "universities" realize the need exists.

So where in the entire spectrum of needs for a growing institution does "worthiness" come into play?

As Leon pointed out before the assembled faculty members at two Faculty Senate forums this week, Southern does offer graduate studies through distance-learning programs.

As he pointed out, institutions smaller than Southern already are actively recruiting under the university banner.

Does that not make Southern "worthy" of the same leverage in business afforded to similar institutions across the country? What are the qualifications of worthiness? An NCAA Division I football team? Perhaps a doctorate program in entomology?

To even hint that Southern is not ready for university status is a gross dereliction of the College's current and future needs.

Nationally and across the state, institutions are in a footrace for university status. Southern has been charged with an international mission that leaves us on the outside track of an uneven playing field with a name that means "high school" overseas.

Worthiness is a worthless argument and a waste of energy at a period in Southern's history when our self-image should be at its highest. □

Tree honors memory

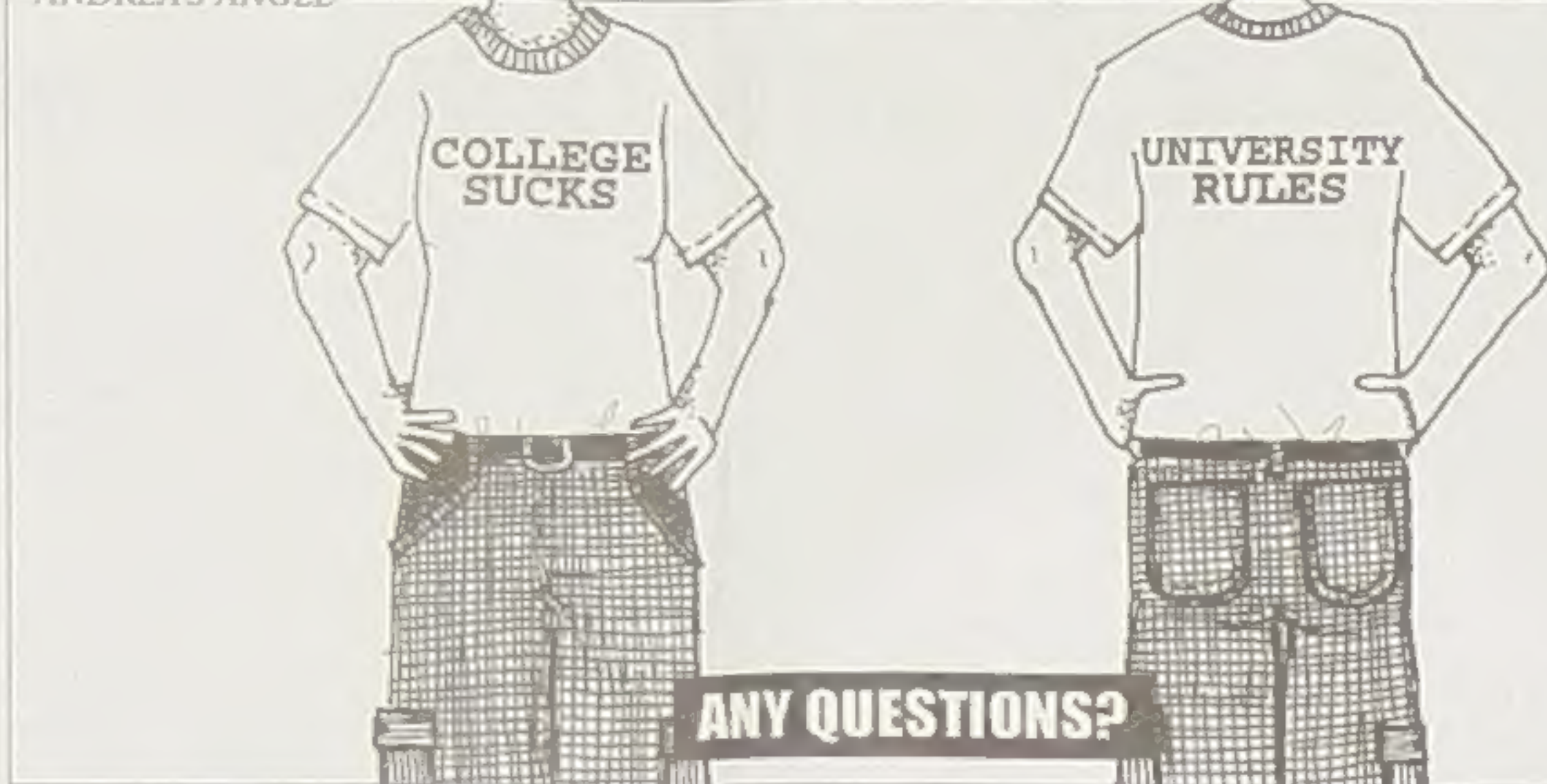
Missouri Southern said its final good-byes to former student Jason Oscar Johnson Wednesday afternoon.

In a small, quiet ceremony outside Webster Hall, our College paid tribute to Johnson's zest for life by planting new life into the campus grounds. A small sugar maple now stands in the lawn just south of Webster Hall, near a bench Johnson frequently sat on.

After a short speech from Dr. Conrad Gubera and Dr. Al Camine leading the assemblage in "Amazing Grace," people were asked to offer their memories of Johnson. The scattered responses all centered around his friendly demeanor — "he had a great smile," "I remember his grin," and "I think the thing to remember is that he reached so much further than the world of Missouri Southern."

An obviously shining light has been extinguished, and while our community grieves our campus will surely seem a little darker. Perhaps as we watch this new life grow and thrive on our campus, the memory of his smile and his love of life will help us all grow as human beings. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE

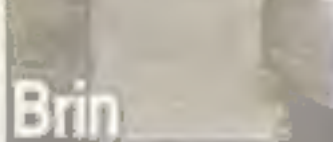


EDITOR'S COLUMN

Prejudice eats humanity like a hungry cancer

There is a cancer growing in the 90s, a monstrous malignancy that seems to spread too quickly to inhibit its proliferation. Violence breeds and multiplies in our neighborhoods.

If someone wants to protect the environment, they torch a side area. If they want to protest the loss of lives in Waco, they slaughter hundreds in Oklahoma City. If they think abortion is killing babies, the answer is easy: murder the abortion doctors.



Brin Cavan

Automotive Editor

We are stung by the painful tentacles of this disease called violence when we see the senseless death of someone close. We felt that sting, here at Missouri Southern, when we lost Jason Johnson. Why was his life cut short for no apparent reason?

It seems violence has become our national pastime and our answer for every grievance.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Non-violence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting

to oppression and violence. Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation for such a method is love."

For the first time in many years, both the Pro-Life and Pro-Choice factions have found agreement. When Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot and killed at his home last Friday, with his wife and children present, the majority in both factions found the shooting death of the abortion doctor heinous.

For many skiers in Vail, Colo., the landscape will be marred with the charred remains left by the Earth Liberation Front.

Believing this act will help protect the lynx, their arson caused millions in damage to this gorgeous area. I find the word "eco-terrorism" a contradiction in terms. It is impossible to preserve life and beauty using willful destruction and violence.

These types of acts, like the Oklahoma City bombing, are truly counterproductive. While the publicity they receive is immense, any sympathy for their cause becomes overshadowed by our derision for their aggression.

Your single act of violence should be to arm yourself with knowledge and vigorously attack ignorance. I mean all of you — and me.

If you find abortion abhorrent, forget Pro-Life or Pro-Choice and teach Pro-Responsibility. We

now have more readily available forms of birth control than ever before. Learn how to use them, then teach your friends, your neighbors, your children. We should each be individually responsible for caring for our bodies in the healthiest ways.

Become a mentor. Watch a welfare mom's children while she gets special training, or help her attain the skills she needs for a better life. Work in the literacy programs or adult basic education. Give someone a physical, mental, or emotional boost.

When you see a group, such as the Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazis, promoting ethnic and religious hatred, anger, and violence, turn your back to them. I would love to see a rally where kindness prevailed over anger, where hundreds of people quietly turned away from the spectacle of the KKK.

It's time for each of us to rally to protect humankind, this total ecosystem we call life.

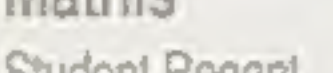
Each one of us are small organisms in the larger body we call humanity. And if you live your life so that you are not a creator but a destroyer, not a builder of trust but a manipulator of deceit, not sharing goodness but sowing seeds of unkindness and cruelty, wouldn't that make you a "cancer" on the body of humanity? It's time for us to heal this malignant growth. Time for the violence to stop. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Teaching: the great under-appreciated profession

Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

Today's students are the business leaders, government officials, teachers, and citizens on whom we will rely tomorrow. In short, they are our future. It is imperative, therefore, that all youth receive first-rate educations. Our country has lost sight of this vision. My concern stems from society's acceptance of mediocrity in an area that is pertinent to a bright outlook for our nation, that being our education system.



Christin Mathis

Student Regent

We complain about the lowness of American children's achievement test scores when compared to those of Eastern Asia and Europe. We need to assess why other systems are succeeding more than ours and use what we learn to better our education program.

American society has lost respect for the teaching profession. I have been asked repeatedly, "Why in the world do you want to be a

teacher?" It seems the majority of the population would agree with George Bernard Shaw when he said, "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches." If we as a nation want to prosper in the 21st century, this perception must be reversed.

It is unconscionable that our country seeks less than the best and brightest to educate our children, the future of our nation. If we valued education, as we so often claim, teaching would be one of the highest-paying professions instead of one of the lowest. A man cannot support his family on a teaching salary. My father, after graduating from college, worked as a teacher for two years earning \$5,200 annually. The second year, he took a part-time job as a salesman to supplement his income and more than tripled his earnings. Although he loved his job as a teacher and was successful at it, he could not justify what it cost him in economic security. For many, it has become a sacrifice to teach when it should be a reward.

An excellent teacher, given a small class, the best technology, and a large amount of classroom time without distractions, can teach his students anything. Today, American teachers must compete with many interruptions for their

students' attention. Intercom announcements, fund-raisers, athletic events, pep rallies, school assemblies, and other out-of-class events erode active learning time. Have we sacrificed quality education for extracurricular activities?

Seminars, competitions, and sporting events enrich the school experience, but in no way should become a substitute for basic education. Learning must come before playing. However, this is not always the case. Coaches overlook a star athlete's low GPA, or parents allow their daughter to watch her favorite television show before completing her homework. Consequently, students see school as a hurdle that they must jump in order to participate in extracurricular activities. They demand their right to be involved in these events when it really only should be a reward for those who have fulfilled their educational responsibilities.

If we want to compete intellectually in the 21st century, we must take education seriously. Experts tell us the body of knowledge is increasing at a faster rate than ever before. Do we want to innovate through education or are we going to leave it to the rest of the world? Why should the United States, one of the most powerful nations on earth, settle for mediocrity? □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: Chart@mail.mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Senator wants to make Southern more united

In the weeks preceding Homecoming, Student Senate has received a lot of slack from The Chart, as well as others, regarding our self-allocation of \$100 to participate in Homecoming.

In the Friday, Oct. 23 issue, a section of the editorial was dedicated to the "misallocation" of funds by the Senate. I would like to remind everyone that we consist of students elected by the student body, hence the name Student

Senate. We each pay an activity fee every semester to be used for campus activities.

Like CAB, we are, also, dedicated to providing a great college atmosphere for MSSC students. Besides providing groups with funds needed, we host Casino Night for all students and we have been a major part in charity drives.

I didn't join Senate to decide what groups get a percent of the students' money, I joined to make

this campus more united. If people think it's wrong for the Student Senate to want to take part in our College's campus activities, then I'd like to leave you with this quote from that same editorial: "So what if Homecoming hoopla doesn't exactly add to the learning experience. It does do wonders for morale."

Vanessa Copeland
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JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers
target
offendersBy JEFF WELLS AND ERIC GRUBER
OF THE CHART STAFF

Local liquor establishments are working in conjunction with the Joplin Police Department to help curb minors attempting to purchase liquor.

"I expect my officers to do random checks of virtually every licensed liquor establishment at least once a week," said Edward Dennis, Joplin police chief.

He said most checks are done by officers working the evening and midnight to 7 a.m. shifts.

John Parsons, co-owner of The Dolphin Club, reports seeing a "slight increase" in law enforcement patrols around his establishment concerning underage drinking.

"I've seen a few more officers down the street than normal, which is a good idea," he said. "I don't want underage people in here."

The club is open Wednesday through Saturday, Parsons said officers do walk-throughs once or twice a night.

"If the officers get there fairly early in the evening, and it looks like there might be reason to suspect there would be problems there later, we expect to check more frequently," he said.

Robin Long, assistant manager of the Iron Horse Restaurant & Brew Pub, said its policy is quite simple: No ID, no drink.

"If a person comes in to drink and they look under the age of 30, they are carded instantly," she said. "Even if they are a repeat customer."

"As far as my knowledge, no minor has purchased alcohol, but underage drinking is a possibility. That might happen if someone of age buys for a minor while in the restaurant."

Ronny Tilton, manager of The Outwest Lounge, said he favors having the Joplin Police Department patrol his establishment.

"I have them come in once a week," he said. "I try to encourage them to come in and walk through."

Tilton said waitresses are supposed to check IDs, and he has a man at the door checking as well.

"We've got various types of programs that work with licensed retailers," said Jim Anderson, district supervisor of the Missouri Division of Liquor Control. "We address the citizen complaints, see if they are occurring, and then continue an investigation."

Having waitresses trained properly to check for altered or fake IDs is one of two programs offered by the Missouri Division of Liquor Control. The other is called "Badges and Business," where Liquor Control employees pose as retail workers and then "bust" minors trying to purchase alcohol.

"What we really want is to have every licensed liquor establishment in town to do the best they can at following the law," Dennis said. "Having a liquor license is not a right, it's a privilege. Having a liquor license can be a good money-making business."

He says Joplin police are there not to be a hindrance, but to assist those in need, including liquor establishments.

"We are willing to help any of the establishments in town that would like our assistance," Dennis said. □

ANNIE BAXTER:
Freeborn takes
local award

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Also among her accomplishments is the establishment of The Vantage Point at the Northpark Mall, an informational center that offers services for people of all ages.

"What she has brought as far as linking people to services in this area was a great accomplishment, and there's no doubt she's behind it," Miller said.

Being honored as the woman who has made a significant contribution to the role of women in government and politics offers a challenge to Freeborn.

"I think it is regrettable we don't see the development of more strong young women in leadership positions who are at the same time caring and compassionate in communities," she said. "[The award] made me think of how I could become even more worthy of the award and promote other strong women in leadership through mentoring." □

JASPER COUNTY CLERK

Bull exits courthouse stage

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
STAFF WRITER

Marjorie Bull, Jasper County clerk, will retire in December after 23 years on the job. Bull graduated from Joplin Junior College.

Missouri's second female county clerk will be retiring in the near future after nine years of service in Jasper County.

Marjorie Bull, the current Jasper County clerk, will step down Dec. 31 when the swearing-in ceremony for the new clerk occurs. She began working in the Jasper County assessor's office in 1967, and eight years later began working in the county clerk's office in charge of elections.

Jim Lobby, county clerk-elect, said Bull has been a great asset to Jasper County.

"She really has done a great job in serving her county," he said.

Bull was raised to be active in politics and to make sure she voted in elections.

"My whole family was politically active, and it just became something that I enjoyed," she said.

Bull, born and raised in Sarcoxie, attended Joplin Junior College and Springfield Teacher College. The ninth child of 10, she had six brothers and three sisters.

Quilting, crochet, and when she gets more time, collecting stamps, are a few things Bull enjoys, but genealogy is her main love. She will work part-time at the Jasper County Records Center, where she likes to volunteer her time, when she retires as county clerk. Bull said there are many interesting facts a person can find there.

"Annie Baxter was the first female county clerk in the state of Missouri in 1890," she said. "Exactly 100 years after she was elected, I became the second female elected county clerk in Missouri."

Working in the records office keeps Bull happy and sometimes extremely busy. A time capsule for the 100th anniversary of the Jasper County Court House left her looking for all the elected or appointed officials from 1841 to the present.

"I have also hunted up all of the old justices of the peace and the constables," Bull said. "It's quite interesting."

She has one major pet peeve she hopes people will work on in the future.

"When people go and register to vote and they don't exercise that right, it concerns me," Bull said. "Right now, there are more registered voters than ever, and only 31 percent in August came out and voted. Please get out and vote." □

DOWNTOWN JOPLIN

Ladies night pulls both genders

More than one sex
benefits from discountsBy CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

Although Ladies' Nights are proving themselves to be some of the hottest nights of the week, many men are feeling left out in the cold.

Is Ladies' Night for the boys? This may sound like a contradiction, but according to many area club owners, more than one sex benefits from these discount nights.

"If the women aren't in the club, then the men will sit there for a few minutes and leave," said Keith McCoy, manager of Champs Pub and Grill. "They get bored. With Ladies' Night, the women are there and that keeps the men there."

The profits for the clubs are also positively affected by offering Ladies' Nights.

"We feel Ladies' Night brings in more people," said Dan Vanderpool, manager of Guitars and Cadillacs.

Guitars offers Ladies' Night on Thursdays, where women can buy 25-cent drinks. Guitars and Cadillacs, along with other clubs such as Rafter's and Fat 'n' Happy's, may be offering a lower price to the females, but it may come at a high price to them.

Many men in the Joplin area have their feathers ruffled over this subject that is becoming more controversial as Joplin's night life gets busier.

Should women get free drinks on certain nights of the week?

Matt Britt, a sophomore theatre major at Missouri Southern, doesn't think so.

"I don't think it's fair," he said. "If you have a group of girls and a group of guys that want to go out, it's not fair that one group gets free drinks. We're all poor college students. Why should women get these things free?"

Nick Prewett, a senior political science major, agrees.

"Ladies' Night is not fair to the men who like to go out and drink," he said. "It's completely discriminatory. Shouldn't they have a men's night or something?"

"It just doesn't work that way," McCoy said.

"The basic philosophy of Ladies' Night is if you can get the women in the club, the men will follow. It has nothing to do with favoritism, it's simply a smart business decision."

That may be true. According to Vanderpool, the attendance at Guitars and Cadillacs booms to about 150 people on Ladies' Night.

Jeff Huff, head bartender at Rafter's, thinks men should be more understanding.

"The point is to get the women out here first," he said. "Then the men won't have a reason to complain. Everyone knows it's (Rafter's) the place to be."

Well, at least the women do. Many women agree with Huff and think men don't have any room to complain.

The idea for a men's night is not being considered.

"Don't count on it," McCoy said. "Ladies' Night is one of the only ways to get women into our clubs and bars, unless you want to have male strippers, and I don't know very many guys who are crazy about that idea."

He doesn't think protesters of Ladies' Night will stay away. □

SHELLS: Donation will be used in education

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ago," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

The collection is so well organized that it even includes a map complete with pins stuck in each of the locations Lewis and his wife found the shells. The shells are also labeled with corresponding cards listing their names and characteristics.

Dr. Dorothy Grillett, assistant professor of biology, anticipates that classes will be participating when the shells are unveiled for students to examine.

"The selected shells will be used for research purposes in physical science and zoology classes," Grillett said.

Because the shells are so complete and numbered to match their label, they will be an asset to instructors and students alike.

"It is a wonderful teaching tool," Grillett said. "People learn by looking at things, and if they can see the shells, they will be interested and continue to learn."

She said Lewis attended the University of Kansas and had offered to donate the shells to KU, but the offer was rejected.

"I believe if they had seen the collection, they would have taken it," Grillett said.

"It is the most fantastic collection I have ever seen." □

TAYLOR:
Area leader
died Tuesday

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Nodler was able to have a visit with his friend in the hospital the evening before he died.

"He remembered me and we talked, but I didn't stay too long," he said. "I thought he needed his rest."

In an excerpt from his retirement speech from Congress, Taylor never forgot to mention it was the support of others who brought him where he was, and he always remembered to give thanks.

"It has been an honor to serve but now the time has come to pass the torch, which I do without reluctance and with sincere thanks to the thousands of people who have given me their staunch support over these many years," Taylor said. □

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REGIONAL
NEWS
BRIEFSFormer first lady visits
Joplin for ceremony

Former first lady Barbara Bush will present the keynote address at the Quality in Medicine Award ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at Joplin's John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

Area residents who have donated \$125 to The Freeman Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, or the Turnaround Ranch are eligible for a ticket and are being notified. Tickets are available to the public for a \$125 donation.

Established in 1991, the Quality in Medicine Award honors an individual, group, organization, or corporation whose actions have significantly enhanced or advanced issues for the region.

Bush supports numerous charitable and humanitarian organizations including AMERICARES, the Mayo Clinic Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, and the Leukemia Society of America. Promoting literacy was Bush's primary concern during her husband's term in office, and she continues her support through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. □

Northpark mall hosts safe
Halloween program

Kid's Day, a safe and free Halloween program sponsored by the Children's Miracle Network, will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Joplin's Northpark Mall.

Special activities include a costume contest at 6:30 p.m., a magic show, cartoons, coloring, pumpkin walk, pinata smash, and story telling by Sue Goddsey. All children ages 12 and under are welcome. They must be accompanied by an adult. □

Several races, issues face
voters on Nov. 3 ballot

November is coming soon, and that means election time.

Two special elections are on the Nov. 3 ballot. One is to decide if the city of Oronogo should impose a sales tax of one half of 1 percent for the purpose of funding capital improvements that may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness in lieu of the personal property tax. The other special election is for the Jasper County Emergency Services board. The election is to decide a board member for the Eastern District. Bill (Butch) Rowland and Gerald D. Gardner are both running for this position. Also, Harlan Snow and Patrick Kelly are running for the board member-at-large position.

Republican David C. Dally is running uncontested for Div. 2 Circuit Court judge. Republican Joseph W. "Joe" Schoeberl is running uncontested for the associate Div. 4 Circuit Court judge position. Republican Richard Copeland is also running uncontested for the associate Div. 5 Circuit Court judge position.

Democrat Jana S. Dahmen and Republican Danny Hensley are running for presiding commissioner of the County Commission.

Democrat Kathleen Leary McGuire and Republican Linda Williams are running for clerk of the Circuit Court position.

Many of the following offices on the ballot look as if they are going to be filled by Republicans. Republican Jim Lobby is running uncontested for clerk of the County Commission position. Republican Edie Swingle Neil is running uncontested for recorder of deeds position. Republican Dean Dankelson is running uncontested for the prosecuting attorney position. Republican Stephen H. Holt faces write-in opposition in the race for county collector. Republican Shirley Norris is running uncontested for the county auditor position.

The last position to be filled has both parties going for it. Democrat Ronald C. Mosbaugh and Republican Mike Randolph are running for the county coroner position.

The last local issue to be decided on this year's ballot is whether Judge Robert S. (Bob) Barney of the Southern District Court of Appeals should be retained in office. □

Around Campus

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



■ **Halloween Buffet**, served by AmeriServe. 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. today in the BSC Connor Ballroom. Free to on-campus students. \$5 for all others. \$100, \$50 and \$30 costume prizes.

Today 30
6 p.m.—
International pizza party, BSC 3rd floor

Saturday 31
Halloween
1 p.m.—
Football at Rolla
5 p.m.—
Safe Halloween at the residence halls, children of all ages welcome

Tuesday 3
7:30 p.m.—
Choir Concert, Taylor Auditorium

Sunday 8
2:30 p.m.—
Trilogy Big Band, Webster Auditorium

FRED G. HUGHES STADIUM

Groups reap rewards of hot dog labor

Volunteer work provides organizational support

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Hundreds, even thousands, of hungry fans converge on the concession stands of Fred G. Hughes Stadium during every Missouri Southern home game.

While the football cleats are pounding the carpet, JoAnna Scott's sneakers press against the floor of the home-side stand. She also distributes hot dogs, burgers, and Cokes as the Lion Pride Marching Band takes the field.

Does the senior president of the Math Club miss all the fun associated with football Saturdays?

Scott works for a cause. She is earning money for her organization.

Funds will be used to pay for pizza at meetings and trips.

"This is our primary source of income for our club," she said.

Along with the Math Club, the Council for Exceptional Children, Alpha Sigma Alpha, the golf team, and the tennis team serve Lion fans this season.

Steve Taylor, concessions manager, said groups receive \$50 a game the first year they provide volunteers. For subsequent years, the income raises to \$75 a game — \$375 for a season.

"This is an incentive for a first-time group to do a good job," Taylor said.

Groups providing volunteers get the first opportunity to return the next year.

"The athletic department feels it is a way to help these groups earn money," Taylor said. "We feel it is working out great."

With around 30 workers needed to work each game, each organization is responsible for fielding seven volunteers for their groups a game.

Taylor said the Math Club has worked the stands longer than other groups.

"I have been doing it for 10 or 12 years, and



JEFF WELLS/The Chart

Christian Scott, Math Club, and Leigh Ann Whitteaker, Alpha Sigma Alpha, prepare popcorn for sale while volunteering in the concession stand Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. In exchange for their volunteering their organizations receive reimbursement.

they were doing it then," he said.

On the other side of the field, golf team member Heath Alloway caters to the hunger of a smaller crowd.

"It's not too bad since we are on the visitors' side," Alloway said. "At halftime it

doesn't really get stressful, but it gets busy."

Athletic teams traditionally man the east-side concessions.

"It allows us to play a few more tournaments than we normally would," Alloway said.

Teammate Justin Beck does not mind the extra work.

"It's not that bad," he said. "We don't get to golf if we don't [work]."

At basketball games, athletic teams are given first chance to volunteer. □

SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDERS



HOFFADOL PAOTHOH/The Chart

Swedish exchange students Ulrika Stromberg (left), Emell Nilsson (center), and Alice Lohmann (right) enjoy their meals during the Homecoming picnic on the oval last Friday.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Party promotes women's athletics

By JO BETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Activities Board will sponsor a volleyball party Wednesday night at Young Gymnasium while Missouri Southern hosts Pittsburg State.

Melodee Colbert, CAB special events coordinator, and Jeffrey Jamaeldine, movie coordinator, came up with the idea to promote women's sports.

"Not too many people show up at [women's] games," Colbert said. "We came up with this idea to generate interest in women's sports."

Jamaeldine, senior international business major, said this is the motivation he uses to promote the event.

"I want to get a crowd out there," he said. "I think the girls can beat PSU."

"It's kind of sad that not too many people show up for these."

A second reason the party will be held is in honor of the 25th anniversary of women's athletics being at Southern.

The party will be held between and after the games for Southern students and athletes.

There will be free soda and food, along with drawings and prizes. Colbert said there may also be a free-for-all volleyball game after the regular games are over.

Colbert said the CAB plans to have parties at other women's sporting events later this year. While it couldn't have one for women's soccer due to

Homecoming events, plans for parties during basketball season and softball season are in the making.

"We want to let them know that the student body is behind them," Colbert said. "We want to do anything we can to show the girls that we support them."

Colbert also said the CAB will take suggestions from students on how to get more support for women's athletics.

Another reason for the parties is to promote the CAB.

Many students don't realize they are already members of the CAB by paying their activity fee. Colbert said ideas are welcome anytime from any student who wants to come to CAB meetings, held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

"We need their ideas," Colbert said. "We have lots of ideas ourselves, but we don't want to do the same things over and over. We realize that not everyone is going to like all of our events."

An upcoming event the CAB is planning is a 60s to 80s bash. Students can come dressed as their favorite decade and win prizes for each category. The dance is tentatively slated for the week after Thanksgiving break.

The CAB has a goal of having a different event each week for students, from small-prize drawings to big bashes.

"We really encourage students to attend the meetings," Colbert said, "not only because they are entitled to because of their activity fee, but also so we can get some fresh ideas. The more input we get, the more events we can come up with." □

FORENSICS SQUAD

Debate gains wins

Squad keeps ranking high at competitions

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
STAFF WRITER

It is no wonder the speech and debate team of Missouri Southern is ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

Tim Parrish, freshman criminal justice major, has been participating in speech and debate since high school. This is his second year on Southern's debate squad.

"It was an elective class my freshman year in high school," Parrish said. "I took it because everyone said it was easy."

He participates in the parliamentary debate team with Shellie Meador. He also participates in informative and persuasive speaking, rhetorical criticism, and extemporaneous speaking.

"Parliamentary debate is for liberally qualified people," Parrish said. "It uses day-to-day knowledge college students can gain from television or newspapers."

His favorite part of speech and debate is being able to meet people over the country.

"It also gives you a chance to see other college campuses and check out possible graduate schools," Parrish said.

Robert Dempsey, senior general studies major, is proud of the performance from the team.

"I feel very proud to be part of the Missouri Southern speech and debate squad, to be totally honest," he said. "This school rocks as far as team spirit."

Not only is Dempsey proud of the team as a whole, but also of his individual performance.

"I feel that I'm going up against some of the best in the nation and beating them," he said. "So, I feel good about that."

Recently, the group traveled to Lee's Summit where they were able to compete in the Longview Community College speech and debate tournament.

The parliamentary debate teams of Tad Stricker and Steve Doubledee and Parrish and Meador closed out the final round by placing first and second, respectively.

Stricker earned third-place speaker, and Doubledee picked up the honor of earning seventh-place speaker.

In individual events, Doubledee took seventh in after-dinner speaking, and Stricker gained third place in extemporaneous speaking. Meador was a semifinalist in storytelling.

Dempsey earned second place in original prose, first in oral interpretation, fifth in poetry interpretation, first in storytelling, and second in the pentathlon.

Students must compete in five separate events in order to be eligible for this award.

Dempsey was also awarded the Kate Cady Speech and Debate Award for his involvement and achievements over the last three years at this tournament.

Desiree Petersen placed fourth in oral interpretation and was a semifinalist in poetry.

Brittany Rigdon placed sixth in persuasion and fourth in original prose interpretation.

As a whole, the forensics squad earned third place in the debate sweepstakes and third place in the individual events sweepstakes.

"I think the squad has had a really strong start," Parrish said. "We really have a chance to make our voices heard." □

It also gives you a chance to see other college campuses and check out possible graduate schools.

Tim Parrish
Freshman criminal
justice major

New fad has same old look

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ARTS EDITOR

They're the "brat pack" of the 1990s. A few years ago, stars like Neve Campbell, Jennifer Love Hewitt, and Joshua Jackson were struggling actors, but now they are filling the once larger-than-life shoes of big-screen has-beens and wannabes like Alley Sheedy, Emilio Estevez, and Anthony Michael Hall.

However, not only have the new stars taken these actors' places, the new era has also brought in a revival of an old film favorite — horror.

Horror has taken a turn toward plot this time around. Gone is Jason, gone is Freddy, and gone is Chucky (or at least we thought).

The resurgence of horror has given Chucky the chance to (unfortunately) take an eerie bride, and Michael Myers another shot at finally meeting his demise.

Though *The Bride of Chucky* and *Halloween H2O* have both meagerly graced the silver screen this year, the brat pack horror genre appears to be more than just the typical old slasher flick.

"I think the new horror movies have been so successful because of the star power — there are people we can relate to," said sophomore psychology major Ben Wulff.

"For years, college students have been portrayed in a way that is not accurate."

Aside from their attractive stars, Wulff also believes there is a key element in the new horror movies that have set them apart from all the other categories of film.

"This is the first series of movies about younger people that they can actually identify with," he said. "It's more about identification with a character than plot that young people are interested in."

Looking back at the 1980s, there is a real similarity between the teenage comedy of the era and today's counterpart.

Every teenage girl who watched Molly Ringwald get groped by her grandmother in *Sixteen Candles* can relate to the horror that filled her young life, while the new generation of teens are equally absorbed watching Neve Campbell deal with her insensitive friends in *Scream*.

Another element also present is comedy. The days of Long Duck Dong may be over, only to be replaced by Dewey the goofy cop.

Rob Harryman, assistant manager at Joplin's Cinema 6, said the age of those flocking to see these spooky movies is no surprise.

"All the horror movies with young actors have done very well," he said. "Usually those coming to watch the movies range anywhere in age from 17 to 25."

He has also seen another familiar trend.

"It's cliché, but the sequels have not done as well as the originals," Harryman said.

Can the young actors who have gained such notoriety in the past two years break into film with the same success as the one sole survivor of the original brat pack, Demi Moore?

Can they attempt to make the jump from teenage scream queens to serious dramatic actresses?

Maybe so, but only if filmmakers can be true to one the most important and vital aspects of these young actors' earliest screen successes — the formula of the movies.

"I think there is a definite formula," Wulff said. "When that formula moves into drama, teenagers and college students will want to see them, too."

And, a new phenomenon will begin.



Kendra Smith concluded her senior recital with a theater montage, following pieces which included operas, art songs and a duet with a friend.



Kendra Smith has been preparing for the senior recital since last spring when she first chose the pieces she would perform.

Recital shows imagination

By SCOTT MEEKER
STAFF WRITER

When she finished her senior vocal recital Tuesday night, it marked the end of several months of hard work for Kendra Smith, senior music education major.

"I've been practicing for it since last spring," she said. "That's when I picked all the pieces, and I've been working on it ever since."

Smith's main goal in selecting her music was establishing variety. The first half of her performance centered on classical music, including an aria from an opera, several art songs, and duets with a friend.

"For the second half, I sang a few songs from a song cycle," Smith said. "Then a bunch of other girls sang with me to do a little theatre montage for the ending."

Dr. Susan Smith, assistant professor of music and Smith's vocal instructor, had nothing but praise for her student's performance. "Kendra is very talented," she said. "She has excellent vocal abilities and she is very versatile. I think that it is in her credit that so many of her friends want to get up and perform with her."

Smith stays active outside of school, performing in numerous shows at Joplin Little Theatre and singing in a local gospel quartet. She credits her choir teacher at Joplin High School for getting her interested in music.

"I knew that I liked choir and music, and she's the one who talked to me and got me interested in teaching it," Smith said. She has taught at Pinocchio Pre-School in Webb City for the past three years. Smith's experiences have helped to show her what direction she would like to move when she graduates next fall.

"A music education degree is good for teaching kindergarten through grade 12," Smith said. "I would prefer to teach elementary school. I really enjoy teaching small children."

Susan Smith agrees that Kendra Smith is well suited for the classroom.

"I think that Kendra will bring a lot of energy to her classes," she said. "With her musical abilities, she will be an excellent role model for young children."

Smith sings the praises of Missouri Southern's music department faculty and the education she has received from them.

"The fact that we have personal relationships with some of our teachers makes it much easier to go and talk to them," she said. "There is just so much to learn about music, such as time and theory, so it's just really nice to have teachers like we have."

JOPLIN COMMUNITY CONCERTS ASSOCIATION

Gershwin rhapsodies to hit Taylor's stage

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ARTS EDITOR

Two of America's most well-known and beloved composers will be the subject of a tribute concert commemorating the centennial anniversary of their births.

George and Ira Gershwin brought new meaning to the word rhythm through countless tunes as popular today as they were in their prime. The two are responsible for such favorites as "Rhapsody in Blue," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and "I Got Rhythm."

The "American Rhapsody" tribute concert, which consists of an 18-piece orchestra as well as eight singers and dancers, will be held in Taylor Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"There should be a good

response to the concert especially since the Gershwins' style of singing and dancing has made a big comeback," said Kris Ikejiri, a member of the Joplin Community Concerts Association board of directors.

Ikejiri believes the concert is just another step toward the mission of Joplin Community Concerts.

"We're a non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring quality performances to the four states," he said.

The show also fits into the mold of the kind of show Joplin Community Concerts members want to see.

"We survey our members to see what kind of performances they'd like to see," said Anita Flanigan, Joplin Community Concerts president. "In last year's survey, they

asked for Broadway shows or show music. Gershwin fits right in that."

Membership in Joplin Community Concerts is \$30 for adults, \$15 for students, or \$75 for a family. However, Missouri Southern students will be admitted for free through an arrangement made between the College and Joplin Community Concerts.

"We hope by extending the shows to Missouri Southern, students will become lifelong members," Flanigan said.

Joplin is just one of many cities across the country who take part in Community Concerts.

"We are a national organization out of New York City who arrange for performances to come to smaller communities like Joplin," Ikejiri said.

The organization is funded

through membership and patron contributions.

Flanigan believes the shows are both beneficial to the audience and the performers.

"Those taking part may not be the top performers out of New York City right now, but they are up and coming and will be recognizable in a few years," she said.

"American Rhapsody" is the first of four concerts scheduled for the season.

Future performances include John Bayless, a solo pianist, on Feb. 4; the Moscow Symphony Orchestra on March 5; and the string quartet Quartetto Gelato on April 29.

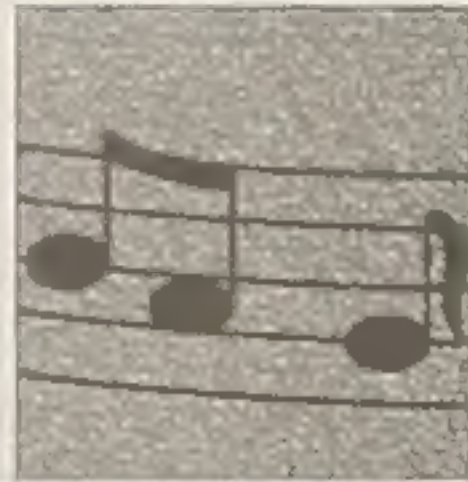
Southern students who wish to attend the shows simply need to present their student identification cards at the door.

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Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ Southern's jazz band will be performing songs from *Tin Pan Alley* as well as current popular music in a concert to be held in TPAC at 7:30 p.m.

Today - November 5

The Africa Through the Eyes of Women exhibit will continue to be on display at the Spiva Art Gallery. Admission is free.

Tuesday 10

7:30 p.m.— The International Film Festival will be showing the German film *Young Torless* in Matthews Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

Thursday 12

7:30 p.m.— Ballet Folclórico Do Brazil will be held in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

MEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Ricumstrict places family values as top priority



George Ricumstrict instructs Missouri Southern football player Kevin LaRue about the finer points of the game.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Cathi Evans lends a helping hand to one of the 2-year-olds entrusted into her care at the Child Development Center.

Evans finds 2-year-olds terrific

By MARY HAWKINS
CHART REPORTER

Words coming from a woman who spends five days a week in a room full of 2-year-olds are "not the terrible 2s, but the terrific 2s."

"The things they say sometimes will just make your day," said Cathi Evans, a teacher of 2-year-olds in the Child Development Center.

Evans, who was born and raised in Webb City, she did not begin her college career with plans of becoming a teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Missouri Southern.

Evans had a change of heart and decided to get her certification to teach. This

is what led her to a classroom full of toddlers.

"I've really had the desire for many, many years," Evans said. "I decided on this career because I just love to be around children, to help them, and to have a positive impact on their lives."

After spending her day taking care of children, Evans' work is far from done when she goes home. She is a single parent of two girls, Brooke, 4, and Baylee, 2.

"My girls are my life," Evans said. Although Evans is busy with her family, she tries to find some spare time for a few other things.

She is an active member of her church and loves to curl up with a good book.

"I would say that in general, I'm a Christian woman who likes kids, read-

ing, and spending time with my girls," she said.

Her major accomplishments are the birth of her children, graduating from college, and getting her career going.

She has spent unlimited time and effort on each.

She believes this has paid off in numerous ways, one of which would be finding a career she truly enjoys.

"I think the best advice from my experience is to always do your best; don't just do enough just to get by," Evans said.

She believes being dependable and responsible are important in order to be a successful person.

"I'm probably not the most interesting person, but I'm just a down-to-earth country girl," she said.

Chance opportunity leads to football coaching career

By L'QUINCY PRYOR
CHART REPORTER

Although he is hard-nosed on the football field, George Ricumstrict is soft-hearted when it comes to family. It may appear football is life to Ricumstrict, but that's not the case. He is serious when it comes to family.

"My marriage to my wife, Sandy, and the birth of my son, Obie, has to be my major accomplishment," he said.

The most surprising thing about Ricumstrict is that his major focus in college was not to be a football coach. Although he wanted to stay close to the game of football, he got an opportunity to do just that.

"I was a player and when I was done playing I still had one year of school left. The head coach asked me to be a student assistant,"

Ricumstrict said. "I accepted the opportunity because I love football and wanted to stay a part of it."

After securing a bachelor's degree in sports study and a master's degree in sports administration at Central Michigan University, Ricumstrict landed his first full-time job as secondary and linebacker coach in 1993 at Northwood University.

After two seasons at Northwood, he was linebacker coach in 1995 at Wayne State University.

Ricumstrict was defensive graduate assistant for the secondary at Michigan State University in 1996. He served as assistant defensive secondary coach, junior varsity secondary coach, and special teams last year at Army, where he met Southern head coach Greg Gregory.

Ricumstrict's love for the game goes way past just the game itself. He thinks his love for working with young men makes his job that much easier.

"I mold young men and motivate each per-

son individually depending on their personality," Ricumstrict said.

With a long career ahead of him, the 31-year-old coach has high expectations for the Lion football team.

"My goals for the year are to have a successful football season and enjoy life," he said. Although he enjoys the game of football, he said coaching has its ups and downs.

"Working with young people is the best thing in coaching college football," Ricumstrict said.

"You get to affect a lot of lives, but the thing that's on the down end of coaching is not seeing my family as much."

His long-term goals are to be the best husband and father he can be.

He believes success comes with complete happiness in his career and personal life.

"I measure my success by my happiness," Ricumstrict said. "I don't measure success by how much money I make, because if I'm not happy and my family is not happy, then where is the success?" □

BUSINESS OFFICE



Sharon Wright, a Missouri Southern graduate, makes an impact in internal auditing.

Auditor benefits College

By TAMMI M. SMITH
CHART REPORTER

Although her position as Missouri Southern's internal auditor allows her to make an "impact," Sharon Wright would rather be a marine biologist.

"If I could change anything, I think I would do something in the biology field, some kind of job where I could be outside all the time, or work with animals, such as a veterinarian, or have a job at a zoo," she said.

Wright, 26, graduated from Southern in December 1995 with an accounting degree. She was a three-year letter winner as a pitcher on the Lady Lion softball team.

"It was a lot of fun, but a lot of hard work, too," Wright said. "The best part was to be part of the team. You spend so much time with everyone on the team that you become kind of like a family. It's a great

atmosphere. It made my college experience very memorable."

After graduating, Wright spent nearly two years as a staff and senior accountant at Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson. She also served an internship at the Joplin accounting firm.

"I took a couple of accounting classes in high school, enjoyed it, and went to college with an accounting major in mind," she said. "I stuck with it, and I changed from public accounting to internal auditing."

"In internal auditing you can have more of an impact and be more of a benefit to a business or in this case a college. You can actually go out and help them identify things they can do better."

Wright received more than an on-the-job experience at Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson; she worked with who would end up being her husband.

Wright and Brent Hackett were married Sept. 19. □

UNIVERSITY: Faculty Senate holds forum exploring future name, status of college

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"There also seemed to be a consensus that Missouri Southern State University was our preferred name choice. Where we didn't agree was on our second choice, should it become necessary to offer a second name to the Coordinating Board or General Assembly."

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, and Mike Wilson, former assistant men's basketball coach, said recruiting students is easier when the words "state college" are omitted from Missouri Southern's name. Both said other institutions ask prospective students why they would consider attending a mere "college."

"When we recruit student athletes, a lot of times, just to get them here, we have to drop state college and just say Missouri Southern," Wilson said. "With everything going on here on this campus, this (becoming a university) is a good move for us. I think we have to be aggressive now and move forward."

Much of the discussion during the two forums stemmed from the choices of names for the institution. The 11 possibilities listed on a name change poll sent to alumni are University of Joplin, Joplin State University, Pershing State University, John J. Pershing University, Mark Twain University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri International State University, Omar Bradley University, Thomas Hart Benton University, and Benton State University.

Dr. John Knapp, professor of geophysics, offered "Tri-State University" as another suggestion during Tuesday's forum. This name, he said, would reflect the area's mining heritage.

While a majority of faculty said they would prefer Missouri Southern State University, some opposition was voiced.

"I've always viewed directional names as diminishing," said Dr. Art Saltzman, professor of English. "We need a name that says who we are,

and Joplin State is who we are. When I go to the gym and shoot baskets, sometimes I pretend I'm Michael Jordan, but I don't sign my checks that way. I think Joplin State is who we are."

"It also puts us on the other side of Pitt State, and then we can say they've never beaten us in football."

Steve Carlton, Board of Regents president, attended Wednesday's forum at the invitation of the Faculty Senate.

"We are looking for significant and strong input from the College," Carlton said. "We (the Board of Regents) are only made up of six members; we don't make the decisions. We are representatives of the faculty, administration, alumni, and students."

"We want a consensus of what people want in a name, not a splintering. Our goal is to listen and then draw results to offer to the CBHE."

The Faculty Senate meets Monday to consider a resolution to send on to the Board of Regents. □

ALUMNI: Change considered

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At Faculty Senate forums held Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss the status/name change, College President Julio Leon said many of the 15,000 forms mailed out already had been turned in.

Nov. 4 is the deadline for the mailings.

Polling the different constituents of the College is part of the requirements needed for gaining the name change endorsement of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE).

Leon said he plans to submit the results of the alumni mailing to the Board of Regents and the results would then be considered in determining the name to send to the CBHE.

"We will take into consideration the responses of all the different groups," Leon said.

He said the Board of Regents would make the ultimate decision.

"We could have thousands of responses to the alumni survey. How do you weigh that?" he said. "The Regents will just use common sense based on what's best for the university."

"That's what they are the Board of Regents for." □



SPECIAL TO THE CHART



Win, Lose, or Draw



Gambling experiences offer opposite results

Casinos better than Hooters

Games of chance unappealing

By BENJI TUNNELL
SPECIAL TO THE CHART

The cards lay before me: Six and four. With the dealer showing seven, I had some thinking to do. But I didn't have a lot of time to do it. Do I hit on 10 and hope to work my way up to 18 or greater, assuming the dealer's down card is a 10? Or do I throw caution to the wind and lay down another two chips, hoping for a nice king or something similar? Such is my dilemma on my first trip to a casino.

The trip to the casino had been more of an afterthought. A group of friends and I were traveling to Kansas City for a sporting event and were faced with the decision of what to do before game time. Since no one knew where the nearest Hooters was located, we settled on a visit to a casino.

After navigating through the Kansas City traffic and finally making it to the right off-ramp, we made our way to Station Casino, an extravagant riverboat casino. It was a riverboat by name only, being completely stationary and with no visible water source to launch into anyway.

The parking lot was crammed with cars on this particular Saturday, so we settled on the nearest place we could find. This left us with quite a little walk. That was OK, though. Since I imagined we would be sitting at the tables or slots for two or three hours straight, I figured this would be the last chance I would have to get any exercise for a while.

We entered the riverboat and walked through the decadent lobby — gift shop on the left, movie theater somewhere down one hall, and a video game arcade down another. The perfect place to ditch the kids while daddy pisses away their college funds. We made our way to the desk, showed our IDs, and were granted our boarding passes, which would allow us to play the games. After another age check, we were finally granted admission into the casino area.

I had seen casinos in many movies. I was expecting glitz and glamour, maybe a few half-naked showgirls wandering around between performances. There would be high rollers with their buxom and beautiful "dates" hanging off over them, a bookie breaking the occasional kneecap in a dark hallway, and over at a table there would be some shady characters wearing dark suits, their hands inside their coats fingering suspicious-looking bulges.

Of course, I was wrong, but I wasn't off by much. Although there were no brutal beatings and no visible signs of the Mafia, there were scantily clad waitresses wandering between tables, taking orders and flirting shamelessly. The big-money men were scat-

tered about at various tables, but they were more concerned with not crapping out than they were with any other kind of scoring.

I had already decided that I wanted to start with blackjack. It was the only game I more or less understood, and it was also the one I had been practicing on my Sony Playstation at home. My party split up, most going to the slot machines to try their hands at the one-armed bandit. I didn't understand this logic. Slots, to me, are pure chance, where as with blackjack there is at least some skill involved.

I planned to lose a little money on roulette, a little on the slots, but I had first planned to lose the bulk of my allotted \$60 at the blackjack tables. I wandered down the rows of tables, trying to find one with an open seat. Finally, I settled on a table with three other players sitting around. I took an empty stool and laid down 25 dollar bills. "Changing 60," the dealer called out, and after receiving some unseen approval, placed dollar chips in front of me.

I put one down and awaited my first hand. The dealer went around the table, dropping cards in front of each player. My first card was a five. "Crap," I thought, my visions of a blackjack on the first hand so quickly crushed. My second card was a three. Total of eight. The dealer had a six showing. What do I do?

"Double down," the man next to me said. He looked about 60, with a cigarette in one hand and a cocktail resting in the cup holder next to him. He struck me as one who had lost many a fortune at the tables. Who better to listen to?

"What the heck," I thought. I had already resigned myself to losing the \$60, so I would just be living up to expectations if I lost this hand. I placed another \$5 chip next to the first one and doubled down. A 10! Eighteen. Hard to beat with a six showing. I just hoped the dealer had a 10. The likelihood of him drawing a three, four, or five was very slim. With a two, we push and I don't lose a dime. With an ace, the dealer has to stand at 17. Anything greater than a



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

By ERIC GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

I don't gamble. I was raised not to gamble. Actually, it could be said that I hate it. The possibility of losing or gaining money is something as absurd as chance has always seemed ludicrous to me. But, I am willing to try something new and different every once in a while. I decided to go ahead and see how far my luck would take me, if for nothing more than the experience. I figure I might as well test the old axiom, "nothing ventured, nothing gained."

I really wanted to get away and relax somewhere. I decided to do something new and head north for riverboat gambling. Packing my bags with the right necessities for a one-night stay, I load up the vehicle. With a couple of friends, we jump in and head for a weekend of hopeful "good luck" — 164 miles to Kansas City, here I come.

Upon arrival in Kansas City, we make our way through the twisting ribbon of road that brings a barrage of on ramps and exits. We weave our way through the pattern of cars to find our exit. The perfectly placed off-ramp waves a sign that tells of casino gambling and lodging. That's the one for me.

We check in at the Holiday Inn and get our rooms. It seems the only possible choice — primarily due to the fact it has a whirlpool, sauna, and heated indoor pool. Where else could I possibly stay? A quick freshening up and I'm ready to rock and roll.

The drive to the casino is less than three miles, but the entrance came none too soon. The structure of the building is reminiscent of a medium-sized shopping mall. Perfectly manicured bushes and classic lightposts signal the way to the entrance.

A sign is posted that states: "NO SOLICITING OR PROSTITUTION — VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED."

"How quaint," I muse. Valet parking is available, but parking with the rest of the commoners will be just fine.

The building is as golden yellow as a dusk in the middle of June. The grandiose sign seems to almost scream the name of this fine establishment. STATION CASINO, hotel and casino gambling.

I approach the door and see my reflection in the wood of the shiny varnish. Beautiful inlaid glass decorates the opening to this new world. With a childlike curiosity, I open the door and step inside.

The building is a monster. The ceiling of the lobby was painted to represent a beautiful open sky. Colors of pink, blue, and purple highlight the artificial clouds above me. I feel as if someone has taken my black

and white movie and made it colorized. As I walk along, the faux clouds above seemed to move with me. It was as if I were looking at one of nature's beautiful ceilings instead of the painted representation it really was.

Restaurants outline the entrance to the casino. The gentle hum of people talking and the smell of the food penetrate my senses. I make my way to the desk to check in and begin to press my luck.

"Use this card to make change and to play the tables," the clerk tells me. "You can only bet \$500 within a two-hour period; then you need to check back in."

I find this amusing, considering I have only \$40 to spend anyway. I take the green, plastic card from his hand. It's reminiscent of a MasterCard I once had. I actually think the MasterCard was more risky.

I walk toward the casino entrance with a preconceived notion of it being filled with the stale smell of cigarette smoke and the sweaty odor usually associated when hundreds of people gather together in any establishment. I ponder if maybe I should have stayed at home and gone bowling instead, seeing as how the effect would be the same. Much to my surprise, the appearance was nothing more to the contrary. A rich, red carpet blanketed the floor, and the entire room was filled with the relentless blinking of a full spectrum of fiber-optic lights. Neon is splattered in every direction, and there are people — and slot machines — everywhere.

The first slot I see has three flashing sevens engulfed in flames. "I've entered the den of iniquity for sure," I tell myself.

I decide to walk around for a while and get a feel for the place. Amazed, I watch as people young and old sit and play their chosen machine for minutes at a time. They stare at the slot machines with blank expressions like surfers on the Internet.

I stroll past the rows of tables where roulette, craps, and various card games are being played. I watch the



SPECIAL TO THE CHART



Benji
Tunnell



Eric
Gruber

A night at the Crescent

Stay in landmark ignites expectations of having haunted Halloween adventure

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I believe the first time I heard of the Crescent Hotel I was still in high school. I knew at that time my eccentric imagination and curiosity eventually would lead me there. And now here I was driving down the winding roads to Eureka Springs, Ark., in search of what is considered to be one of the most haunted places in the Ozarks.

I had decided to make this trip in a bit of a haste less than a week earlier. The idea of the haunted hotel in Eureka Springs came up in a conversation I had about the impending Halloween holiday. From there I decided to try my luck by spending a night at the Crescent Hotel.

Using the natural travel sense that God gave men, I decided not to ask for directions and to find my point of destination by intuition. To my luck, I was right on target the whole time. Perhaps some unearthly force was drawing me to the antique resort.

As I ascended the steps to her massive main entrance, I thought back to something I had once heard about another ancient structure: "when a place has been around as long as this one has, there are bound to be a few ghosts."

Opening the door, I stepped into a grand room. The lobby of the

Crescent is one of the few places that has actually made me feel I was in another time — as if I just walked through a door and was somehow transported to an era long past. Just standing in the lobby I could squint my eyes and see another time: women with their parasols and men in their top hats lounging and talking throughout the Crescent while taking a month off from their hectic lives back in New York or Boston. People enjoying the privileges of their money in a time when society and money were the most important aspects of a proper gentleman or lady's life.

I then went to Jill, the concierge, at the table in the northeast corner of the lobby. Jill told me to check into my room and gave me some reading material on the more supernatural aspects of the hotel. I then proceeded back to the registration desk, which, I was proudly informed, had been in the hotel since its opening in 1886.

I was ushered to the elevator, and the next thing I knew, I had arrived on my floor. The first thing that crossed my mind when I stepped off the elevator was I had definitely come to the right place. While the lobby looked elegant and well-kept, the third floor hallway looked decrepit. The carpeting showed the wear of years of use and was bleached by the sun where windows domineered over it. The walls were painted white, but had cracks running up and down. I could feel the movement of loose floorboards beneath the carpeting as I walked down the hall.

I was also feeling something else as I walked down the hall. Something like those mysterious cold spots people talk about, or the feel of eyes on you when no one is around.

Disappointment set in when I entered my room. It was not what I was expecting. It was clean, tidy, and comfortable. No, I was expecting or possibly hoping for something a bit more archaic for the experience. But why couldn't a ghost haunt a clean room? I decided maybe it would be all right after all.

I returned to the lobby and found Jill so I could talk to her again, and she introduced me to a man who is the resident psychic of the Crescent. Jill handed me some more literature on the hotel, and in particular men-



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

The 1886 Crescent Hotel was built as a posh resort for the wealthy society of the late nineteenth century. Today, more than a century later, the more famous regulars of the hotel include a cavalcade of ghosts, who originate from different periods of the building's past.

tioned the sections on the hauntings. She also asked me a question as I stood there, "You're not in 218, are you?" Much to my disappointment, I discovered I was not. I asked her about the story behind 218, but she told me just to read the book and I would know.

As I went back up the stairs, I stepped onto the second floor of the hotel and almost directly in front of me was Room 218. As I looked at the door, I felt something strange about it, but then again my imagination had been running wild all day. The book told of numerous sightings in the hotel and of the unearthly presence sometimes found in 218.

At around 6 or so, I entered the Crystal Dining Room for dinner. I sat down, ordered my meal, and sat back reading a newspaper while waiting for my entree to arrive. As I drifted off into my reading, I could hear the sounds of tinkling glasses and the humming of a room full of people. Without looking, I would have judged at least 50 or 100 people were in the room with me. Much to my surprise, when I put my paper down, there were only two other tables with people at them, and a complete silence in the room.

I then began to collect information on the hauntings from the employees of the hotel. It turned out 218 is haunted by a man named Michael who had been killed during the construction of the hotel, and the third floor sometimes has visits by a nurse pushing a gurney. The very room where I was sitting also has its own ghost. It is said a woman occasionally is seen walking between the tables and then just vanishes.

These tales worked into a near frenzy of excitement. From there I walked every inch of the hotel in search of the poor souls who are trapped in the confines of the Crescent Hotel. I did not see even a trace of the afterlife, and returned to my room. I closed the door, and as I turned around, I saw someone looking right at me. I jumped back against the door only to realize it was my reflection in the mirror. Of course, that's what I get for letting my mind get carried away.

A few minutes before midnight, I took a stroll of the hotel. I moved quietly and cautiously, looking for anything out of the ordinary I could. But nothing. Then I heard something. It sounded like a door opening slowly. I looked around for the source, but saw nothing. Then I heard footsteps coming toward me. I stepped back from the corner waiting for whatever



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

The main staircase of the Crescent Hotel spirals down five stories to the former hospital's morgue.



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

The lobby of the Crescent Hotel boasts a registration desk which has been a fixture in the hotel since it first opened.

was coming. I stiffened up against the wall in preparation for my meeting. And then it happened. The figure stepped into view. Was it a blue ectoplasmic specter? No, just the guest from Room 236. I finished my tour of the hotel without sighting a spirit and went to bed around 1:30 a.m.

I awoke the next morning, gathered my belongings, and headed in search of more information on the hauntings. Throughout the day I heard several more stories of the hotel, the sightings, and the legends of the haunts in the majestic Crescent Hotel.

I believe the things that have been experienced in the hotel could be caused by one of several things. Pure and simple imagination are, of course, the leading cause; this is what I relate to my experience in the dining room. Actual hauntings could be an explanation for the reoccurrence of some of the specters such as the nurse with the gurney, Michael in 218, and the lady in the dining room.

And then there is one more possible explanation. I read in a book once that emotional impressions can be left over time, like an image of a person or a sound such as laughter or whistling, and while there is no true ghost in these phenomena, an impression was left in the past and reemerges every once in a while in the surprise of those around at the time.

I left the Crescent Hotel without a clear-cut supernatural experience, but who is to say the spirits of the dead do not continue to reside in the walls of this grand old lady who has been standing proud for more than 100 years and probably will for 100 more. □

Once posh resort houses variety of tales

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Her doors opened for business the same year the Statue of Liberty was raised and Coca-Cola first was sold in drugstores.

The Crescent Hotel began accepting guests in 1886 as a posh resort for the rich friends and allies of Powell Clayton, the former governor of Arkansas.

"The hotel was built by a group of wealthy Utopian-minded investors headed by Powell C. Clayton," said Robert Feagins, former owner of the Crescent Hotel. "The hotel was built in 1884 through 1886."

Through the years the hotel has served many different purposes, including a women's college in the early half of the 20th century and a cancer clinic in the late 1930s. But none of these aspects seem to stand out quite as much as the infamous hauntings for which it is known.

Feagins explained that the story of one ghost at the Crescent Hotel dates back to before it was even finished being built.

"He fell from the top of the hotel balcony in the second-floor Room 218, which had been left open to hoist the



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Room 218 at the Crescent Hotel is home to a ghost named Michael.

stone up to each floor to build the hotel's exterior wall system," he said. "All that I can remember was that he was from France and his first name was Michael."

Feagins said he had an encounter with Michael in the Crescent.

"Walking past the main fireplace, I looked between the back end of the fireplace and the Doric column toward the elevator door," he said. "Standing in front of the door was a man in a black handmade suit, a white high-collared shirt, and a black bow tie. His shoes were handmade and his face was without much color. When I passed the column, he was gone completely."

"I went over and ran my hand were

he had stood," Feagins said. "Nothing but the cool air of the room. I went up three steps of the stairs next to the elevator and nothing."

"Later, I saw a photograph of the craftsmen who built the hotel, taken on the top balcony," he said. "Michael was sitting in a chair on the south end of the work staff in the same clothing that I had seen him in that night."

Feagins said one other interesting thing about the photo was that Michael already would have been dead when it was taken.

In 1908 the hotel became the Crescent College and Conservatory for Young Women catering to the daughters of wealthy families.

In 1937, the building was sold to a Dr. Norman Baker, who turned it into a cancer clinic.

"His cancer cure was a mixture of goat liver and herbs," said Jill Hodge, concierge of the Crescent Hotel. "He painted the entire lobby lavender, and always wore a white linen suit with a lavender shirt."

Feagins said there have been sightings of ghost from this part of the Crescent's history as well. He said a man once was awakened in the hotel by a medical doctor and a fat nurse leaning over him in a hospital bed and

in the background all the walls were painted purple.

The hotel lay vacant from 1940 to 1946 after Baker went to a prison in Leavenworth, Kan., for mail fraud.

The hotel opened again in 1946 and remained so until 1967 when a fire claimed the center tower of the building and gutted part of the fourth floor.

In 1972 it was bought by Feagins, and a silent partner who resurrected the building. He sold the hotel in 1980 but still visits from time to time.

In 1997 Marty and Elise Roenigk purchased the hotel and started a three-phase restoration project. Phase one included the restoration of the lobby back to its original luster and the renovation of the basement into a health spa. Phase two was just recently completed with the restoration of 34 of the hotel's 68 guest rooms.

"The rest won't be done today," Hodge said. "It won't be done tomorrow; it's a five-year plan."

Hodge said phase three will include the restoration of the rest of the rooms and the reconstruction of the central tower that was lost in the fire. She also said the conservatory that once graced one end of the hotel will be rebuilt in order to restore it fully to its original design. □



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

As automobiles became plentiful the main entrance of the hotel moved to the back door to accommodate parking.

Low supply, great deals ignite '98 sales

By BRIN CAVAN
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

The 1990s have arrived, and so have the consumers looking for a good deal on a '98.

"It's definitely a good time and a good market," said Larry Cline, customer relations manager for R & S Chevrolet. "Dealers will have incentives or rebates to consumers on close-outs of model '98's."

"A dealer needs to turn his inventory as he accumulates new ones. You'll also see a dealer deal a little closer to the vest on '98's, if he has several."

After one new-car dealership in Joplin closed its doors, there are currently five that retail new autos. Continental Auto Mall and Continental Westside; Joplin Ford, Lincoln Mercury; R & S Chevrolet; Roper Pontiac, GMC, Buick and Roper Honda; and Tri-State Imports provide the community with sales of both domestic and imported automobiles and trucks.

Domestic

While strikes and labor stoppages have affected the market for 1998 autos, there are still some good buys for the consumer.

Retailers offer lower prices due to factory incentives, and many offer rebates or cash back to the buyer.

Ken Harmell, sales manager for Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep at Continental Auto Mall, said some rebates are offered because a dealer has too many autos or too many were produced. But many of their current offers are on the table just to match other dealers.

Continental Auto Mall's \$1,000 rebate on the Dodge Ram Truck is being advanced for the first time since 1994. The dealership also has incentives on full-size vans and van conver-

sions, and \$1,500 rebates on Plymouth Grand Voyager, Chrysler Town and Country, and Dodge Grand Caravan.

The Neons top Continental's rebate list with \$2,000 cash back. However, it has been out of '98 Jeeps for three months, and this model isn't the only one in short supply.

"With the GM strike, I don't have a '98 on the ground," said Randy Roper, sales manager of Roper Pontiac, GMC, and Buick. "We've been out for two months."

He said when the strike hit, Roper just continued to sell. With a normal inventory of 60 to 70 cars, the dealership sold only 10 to 20. With the arrival of its new car inventory, it is now "regaining speed."

The strike affected other dealers such as R & S Chevrolet.

"It has such a rippling effect," Cline said. "It will be a long time before GM can put a dollar amount on what the strike cost them."

"It (the strike) just totally drained the supply line. When it did come back, they were already into model changes."

With good buys and incentives, R & S is retailing its used cars at savings of \$1,000 or more. Cline believes the good prices are what justifies buying this time of year.

Kevin Hugo, general manager of Joplin Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, promotes his inventory with cash back and low interest rates combined.

"Business is great at Joplin Ford, Lincoln, Mercury," he said. "Ford has the No. 1-selling full-size truck in America for the 23rd year and five of the top 10-selling nameplates in America this year."

Joplin Ford's promotion gives \$1,000 cash back plus 0.9 percent financing for four years or 3.9 percent financing for five years on these '98 models: Ford Escort, Ford Escort ZX-2, Ford Contour, Ford Ranger trucks, Mercury Mystique, and Mercury Tracer. With the Ford Taurus and the Mercury Sable, it offers the same financing with \$750 cash back.

Imports

The domestic cars were not the only ones struggling with the effects of worker strikes. A "labor stoppage" in Korea, which happened in increments over a two-month period, caused a low supply of Hyundais for Continental Westside.

"We had great sales on top of a low supply," said Brad Felter, general manager.

"The shortage of cars was partially a result of the labor stoppage, but the increase in the quality of the car has been tremendous."

"August was such a tremendous sales month. We literally sold every Hyundai we had."

Felter said they will use aggressive pricing and incentives to move the few '98's they currently have in stock.

For some imports, little incentive is needed. Paul Riggan, general sales manager at Continental Auto Mall, said Volkswagen has had its best year since 1976 with the Audi and Passat. The new Volkswagen Beetle sold for \$3,000 to \$5,000 over the manufacturer's suggested retail price, but it still have more demand than availability.

Customers have a six-month wait to purchase the Porsche Boxster from Continental, but Porsche has still maintained two of its best sales years in 1997-1998.

With some of its Toyota models, Continental Auto Mall does provide rebates up to \$500.

"We went from last place to being No. 1 in volume," Riggan said. "We do it by trying to have the inventory and satisfying our customers."

Roper Honda has its greatest selection in the Honda Civic, with a special financing rate of 4.9 percent. With sale prices on Accords and Civics, Brin Shaw, sales consultant, said he is ready to make a good deal for his customers

on the car that consistently retains a high resale value.

"For '98, the Accord was the best-selling car in the country," Shaw said. "For the last 15 years, we have been No. 1 or No. 2."

Tri-State Imports specializes in the sale of Mercedes Benz and Nissan. While Mercedes does not offer special incentives on the '98 models, Nissan provides for

\$2,000 customer cash back or special low interest rates — as low as 0 percent for 24-month financing.

However, the dealership ran out of some models early. It sold out of '98 Ultimas in July.

Since the demand for Nissan product produced shortages in '98, it led to an unprecedented move for Tri-State Imports. It is offering \$1,000 rebates on some of its '99 models, such as the Ultima, Maxima, and Pathfinder.

"We are easy to deal with," said Dale Wano, Nissan sales manager. "That is one of the reasons we've been here for 30 years."

"We're straightforward and don't play games with our customers."

Joplin New Car Dealers Association

These new car dealerships contribute to their community in many different ways. Roper Pontiac, GMC, Buick has

sponsored a vehicle for Missouri Southern's athletic department each year for the last five years. This year, Jim Frazier, men's athletics director, is driving the Buick LeSabre provided by Roper.

All of these dealers have joined together to create the Joplin New Car Dealers Association. They contribute, as a group, to different charitable events, with their first donation going to the Ronald McDonald House.

"Our customers in the four-state area are wonderful," Hugo said. "We enjoy doing things for Joplin and the surrounding communities."



TUNNELL: Learning blackjack jargon key to survival

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five, the dealer busts and I'm up 10 bucks.

The dealer flipped his card over, revealing a king. Sixteen showing. I'm almost there. The next card is an eight. Dealer busts, and I've made more money in a matter of 30 seconds than I make in an hour at my job. I quickly pick up on the hand gestures and body language of the casino. A quick tap on the felt

of the table, and the dealer hits me. A fast swipe of my fingers in front of the cards, and the dealer lets me stand. My head swimming as I comprehend my new-found riches. Then just as quickly I'm down to \$20.

And so, the final hand is dealt. "Double down," I say, laying down two more chips. The dealer lays a six down before me. Sixteen. Crap. Not as good as I'd hoped, but I still had a chance. The dealer flipped over his down card. A five. He had

12 showing and had to hit until he was at least at 17. I stood a real chance of walking away with a good profit. "Cmon 10," I thought as the dealer laid another card down in front of himself. Six. Crap. With a measly six, I had gone from \$40 richer to just about even.

I had a pink 50-cent chip remaining, and when you threw in the free Dr Pepper, I was at least walking away with a profit. That is, until I hit the gift shop.

GRUBER: Gambling is not for me

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players as they use their hands, a silent gesture to the dealer whether they want more cards or if they firmly refuse and remain content.

After taking in my surroundings, I decided to give it a whirl. I inserted my green change card into the one-armed bandit and stuck in a dollar bill. The machine regurgitated 11 shiny golden tokens, and I immediately stuck one back in.

I engage the energy in hand-to-arm

combat. With each spin, I have no success. Time for a game that doesn't involve anything electronic. Time for blackjack.

I find a table with only one other player at it, so if I make a fool of myself I won't feel terribly humiliated.

I lose my first hand, then the second. "This sucks," I moan inwardly. "This is your hand," the dealer says to boost my confidence.

I lay down another chip. He was right. But the new-found confidence is short lived, and I finally lose it all with my last two hands. □

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Under The Hood



By Matt
Madura
Staff Writer

'66 Stingray inspires car guy's goal

When I was a young tyke, I had a passion for Matchbox cars that sparked my interest in cars, parts, and tools.

My parents, Ken and Lee Madura, owned a salvage yard in Valparaiso, Ind. This was my childhood playground. My mother would drop me off with my dad at the salvage yard so she could run errands. All day I would roam the yard searching for any treasures left behind. This is where I realized I was a car kind of guy.

In May 1986, my parents left that business and moved to southwest Missouri, where they bought a resort. I was entering third grade in the fall. I had to entertain myself with the four-wheeler my parents bought. All summer long I rode everywhere. When I wasn't riding, I was tinkering with it. I really thought I was a hot shot back then.

I really have to thank my dad. He gave me an appreciation for cars and basic know-how on which tools to use and how to use them and think for myself. I thank my mother for giving me inspiration and support when things didn't go so well; she always believed in me. I believe supportive parents and trust play a vital role in the molding of what children can become. My parents have always done that for me, even when things don't go as planned. Of course, I got the third degree when tools were broken or misplaced; I am notorious for that.

I got my first car from my sister, Kimberly Ruch, when I turned 16. A 1985 Buick Skyhawk, four-cylinder engine, dark blue two-door car. I took pride in that car. I always had the oil changed on time, and I always tried to have it look better if possible. Ignorant back then, I thought the car made an image. I now realize it doesn't matter what you drive, as long as you've got something.

On weekends, I was outside taking it apart and putting it back together to see how things worked. At the end of my junior year in high school, I flipped going up hill after running off the road. I really loved that car.

After the wreck, I bought a 1989 GMC S-15, five-speed four-cylinder. I still drive it today. The summer after high school graduation, I was on my way to meet some people. I rear-ended a Sears van after coming up over a hill to meet stopped traffic. My dad, my brother, and I had some bonding time repairing the truck.

The summer between my freshman and sophomore year at Missouri Southern, I went to work in Tulsa, Okla. I lived with my uncle, Mike Seelen. He and I grew close that summer.

One day I almost fainted when I saw he had just put my name on the title of his 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

It's cherry. It's metallic blue with a four-speed 327 engine, black leather interior, chrome side pipes, and a white rag top that never goes up in the summer time. This car is a work of art.

"Graduate and stay out of trouble, and it's all yours," Uncle Mike said.

This is my inspiration to do great in college and to stay out of trouble. □

Sports Scope



By Andre L. Smith
Sports Editor

Lady Lions
earn past due
respect, honor

When did it become politically correct to say that a team is having a rough year instead of saying they just plain suck? Politeness, I guess. Whether that is the case or not for Missouri Southern athletics, the fact is that of all the teams having a rough year, one was not expected to.

This weekend, the Missouri Southern soccer team has a chance to pull itself up from what many call a disappointing season to a near .500 mark at the Hamot Classic.

I'll be the first to admit that I know very little about the sport and that I honestly don't give two flying fricks about what happens. There are people who do, however, and I feel I owe them an explanation of Southern's performance to date.

But there isn't one. The Southern soccer team possesses elite talent in players such as Ben Butler and Tony Zito. They work just as hard as anyone both on and off-season. They run miles at a time around campus while usually sporting no shirts and much seriousness on their faces.

Their claim to fame this year, though, is that they are in stellar shape compared to the football team and the lights stay on during the entire game at Bodon Field.

All I know is that we were supposed to be the bomb this year and that we are supposed to kick the little black and white ball into the goal and stop the opposing team from doing so. So do it, boys.

The sky at Southern seems a bit clearer now that the men of Southern have gotten our swelled heads out of the clouds and come back down to earth to realize the ladies are kicking our butts.

I'll be the first to admit that I thought women's sports were far beneath men's and that gender equity in scholarship distribution was a crock. It took a few ladies to change my mind.

Although I love Pat Lipira and Southern's softball team, it still did not convince me that women could tough it out like men could. Even though they won the MIAA championship and none of our men's teams did, it was not enough to sway my bull-headed mind.

It was the women of this year's MIAA championship cross country team. To people such as Sonia Eudy, Amanda Harrison, Emily Petty, Chasity Hank, and Margaret Miklovic, I express apologies. I hope the men of Southern can force off the hats that our heads have grown into and take them off to the Lady Lions.

Some of them ran sick and others were injured. Yet their perseverance earned them the MIAA crown.

Patty Vavra, Lady Lion cross country coach, said it best.

"The beauty of this championship was that, while we weren't at our very best, we came up with the best results we could on that day and it was good enough for a conference championship," she said.

So until our men start winning games and the women begin to elack, women's athletics should get more respect. Congrats Sallie Beard and Coach Vavra.

Until basketball season, there is only one thing that could make me sicker than mistreatment of these ladies — a WNBA lockout. ☐

CROSS COUNTRY

MIAA Champions

Lady Lions fight injuries, bring home championship

By ANDY SEARCY
STAFF WRITER

Despite sickness and injury, the Missouri Southern women's cross country team ran away from Pittsburg, Kan. with the MIAA championship.

The Lady Lions entered the meet hoping to finish in the top four, but were pleasantly surprised after the meet when they found out they won.

"Everything went about as well as expected Saturday," said Patty Vavra, the women's head coach. "It was a total team effort."

They almost ran into some problems as the meet went on. Freshman Margret Miklovic was having problems with her shins at the beginning of last week. Jill Becker, junior, had the flu last week and still wasn't feeling her best during the meet.

"Margret pretty much ran with pain the whole race," said Vavra. "Jill had some problems during the race and slipped a little bit, but she still ran well."

Junior Emily Petty was able to step up and make up the ground that Becker wasn't able to pick up.

The race was a close one when the final results were tallied, first through fourth place were separated by only ten points.

"I had no idea that we won the race until a few minutes afterward," Vavra said. "It was that close of a race."

The Lady Lions finished five points ahead of second place Truman State University. Following Truman was Pittsburg State University in third and Northwest Missouri State University in fourth.

For the second year in a row senior Sonia Eudy won the individual race by taking control early.

"You can't say enough about Sonia, she is a two time conference champion," said Vavra, with a grin. "She took control early and ran very steady throughout the race."

What Vavra was most proud about is the effort her team put into winning, but she does admit this wasn't her team's best race all year.

"This wasn't our best race due to the injuries and sickness, but it was our best team effort," Vavra said. "It was fun."

The men's cross country team did not have the meet they wanted to have. The Lions were hoping to finish in the top four, but ended up seventh of eight teams.

"We've had a good year," said head coach Tom Rutledge. "It's just that we didn't perform well on the day we needed to."

The men were hampered by injuries and sickness during the race that was noticeable, but Rutledge isn't going to make excuses.

"We could say that Brian Hill was sick with the flu, which he was, but someone has to step up. Steve O'Neal pulled a hamstring muscle, someone else has to step up," said Rutledge. "Without those two people we don't have the depth."

Not only was junior Brian Hill sick, but he was experiencing nausea a few minutes before the race started. Sophomore Steve O'Neal was limping during premeet warm ups.

Some of the Lion's did preform well despite the set backs they had. Freshman Michael Sutter finished in third place on the Lion's squad. Junior Jake Wells also ran to his potential for the team.

"I'm still very proud of these guys, they went out there and ran very hard and competed very well," Rutledge said. "It just didn't come together for us on the right day." ☐

FOOTBALL

Lions lose to Ichabods on home turf

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Marc Nardella and Aaron Battle were a deadly combination as they hooked up for three touchdowns in helping Washburn to a 49-37 Homecoming victory over Missouri Southern.

The win stuck the Lions (1-6 overall, 1-5 MIAA) with their first losing season since 1992. Southern was able to out-gain the Ichabods (4-4, 3-3) in total offense, 468-451, but penalties and mistakes cost the Lions.

Southern jumped out to an early 14-0 lead after quarterback Seth McKinzie scored from three yards out and Antonio Whitney skipped 13 yards for a score.

The Ichabods battled right back with two scores of their own. Battle found Nardella on touchdown passes of 16 and 14 yards to deadlock the game at 14-14. A Mark Lewandowski 28-yard field goal gave the Lions a 17-14 lead going into the half.

Tyson Sims took a punt back 33 yards for a score, which put the Lions ahead 24-14 in the third quarter. The Ichabods responded with a six-play, 65-yard drive capped by a nine-yard Brandon Rainer touchdown run.

Both teams traded scores before the end of the third quarter, making for an exciting fourth quarter. Lewandowski added to Southern's 31-28 lead with a 32-yard field goal at the 14:18 mark. A couple of passes by Battle and a Southern holding penalty moved the Ichabods down to the 1. Rainer was able to score, which gave Washburn its first lead

of the game, 35-34.

After both teams stalled on drives, Southern finally was able to take back the lead with an 18-yard Lewandowski field goal. The drive took more than seven minutes and covered 91 yards.

Lion head coach Greg Gregory said he almost took the gamble on fourth and goal. "It would have been the dumbest call in the country in everyone's book," he said. "I was



Shawn Williams carries the ball during Saturday's 49-37 homecoming loss to the Washburn Ichabods. Williams rushed for 67 yards on seven carries in the contest.

NOPPADOL PADTHONG/The Chart

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SOCCER

Truman, Rockhurst drop Lions

By DAN GUSTAFSON
STAFF WRITER

Saturday was the moment of truth as the Missouri Southern soccer Lions battled a powerhouse Truman State squad in Kirksville for a final chance at reaching a desirable conference ranking.

A victory over Truman would have moved Southern into second place in the MIAA.

The Lions trailed by two goals early on against Truman and eventually cut the lead to one. But it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs scored a final goal in the late minutes of the game, sealing a 3-1 Southern defeat.

"We played hard," said coach Jim Cook. "But it just wasn't enough."

On Wednesday night the Lions took on a Rockhurst team that had been ranked as high as second in the NAIA. Southern (5-9) came out with a solid first half but still trailed by a goal going into the second.

For the Lions, the first half was highlighted by a goal scored off a corner kick. Aubrey Martin crossed the ball in front of the net and Adam Bahr put it away with a header. The first half was also costly for the Lions as forward Kiley Cirillo went down with a hamstring injury.

"The injury to Cirillo really hurt us," Cook said. "Hopefully he will be able to play by this Saturday."

As the second half progressed,

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SOCCER

Butler learns teamwork

Student-athlete handles pressure

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

“There were a lot of different places I could have played after high school, but when I looked at the whole package, this was the best place for me.”

Ben Butler
Lions goalie

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One of the easiest positions of any sport to yell at is the soccer goalkeeper. Everyone in the park knows when he's goofed, because the ball is in the net. And everyone knows when he's a hero, because the ball isn't in the net. Ben Butler, junior international business and Spanish major, is the man in the net for the Missouri Southern soccer team. As a high school standout, Butler was sought by Truman State, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Rockhurst College. “There were a lot of different places I could have played after high school, but when I looked at the whole package, this was the best place for me,” Butler said. Not only has Butler had great success on the field, but he is also an honors student at Southern. “After you are in the honors program here, there is a high percent

accepted to graduate school,” he said. Success on the playing field for Butler has come through hard work on the practice field. “The play in college is a lot more physical than in high school,” he said. “In college, athletics have to work day in and day out to get anywhere, but in high school you just play hard when you have to.” When Southern defeated Truman State for the first time in its history last year, Butler believes it was his most memorable moment. He blocked a penalty kick in the game. “I wanted to show their coach something,” he said. A valuable lesson Butler has learned during his athletic career is to work with the team. “It is very important to work as a team, because when we work as a team we can beat anybody, and when we play as individuals, we can be beaten by anybody,” he said. Southern coach Jim Cook is impressed with Butler's leadership role as team captain. “He's as respected as anyone on the team. He is the one guy who can single-handedly get us fired up,” Cook said. □



Junior goalie Ben Butler does not only show his excellence on the playing field, but in the classroom as well. The international business and Spanish major was recruited by several Southern opponents.

VOLLEYBALL

Truman State netters blank Lady Lions, 3-0

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night, the Missouri Southern volleyball team faced Truman State and dropped a three-game decision 15-4, 15-11, 15-8. Lady Lion head coach Debbie Traywick said unforced mistakes cost her team. “I thought Meredith Hyde had one of her best matches of the year,” she said. “We had gotten away from making unforced errors, and tonight we digressed.” Hyde delivered on both the offensive and defensive end as she tallied 12 digs and 12 kills. Katie Moore, Brianna Abel, and Erin Fielding added seven kills apiece. Moore added three solo blocks. Collins delivered 34 assists while Fielding and Olson dug 15 and 13 balls, respectively. “I have to give Truman State a lot of credit,” Traywick added. “They came out and played very well. We had higher aspirations against them, but we just couldn't score.” Traywick said her team had problems in other areas as well. “At times we played well,” she said. “We struggled a little bit with our passing.” With the loss Southern's record fell to 5-17 overall and 4-8 in the MIAA. On Wednesday, the Lady Lions will be in action at home against Pittsburg State. The Lady Gorillas will be looking to return the favor in Southern after the Lady Lions



Rachel Miller tries to handle a ball in a contest earlier this season at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. The Lady Lions' record fell to 4-8 in the conference with the loss.

handed them a loss in their gymnasium. “We always look forward to playing our rivals,” Traywick said. “We beat them at their place and they'll be looking to avenge the loss. It should be a good match.” The Lady Lions will battle nationally seventh-ranked Central Missouri State in Warrensburg on Nov. 7. □

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Rockhurst picked up the tempo as it dominated ball control, keeping the ball mostly in Southern's end. Rockhurst scored the third and final goal on a penalty kick and handed Southern another 3-1 loss. “We are competitive with anyone,” Cook said. “We played a real solid first half, but the second was kind of shaky.” This weekend the Lions will travel to Pennsylvania for the Hamot Classic where the Lions will play

their final games of the season. Southern will open against a Gannon University team that is ranked seventh in the Midwestern region. Cook said that the competition will be pretty tough. Both Gannon University and Mercyhurst are solid teams in their region. “We have our work cut out for us,” Cook said. “All the teams we will play are probably better than Rockhurst. The bottom line is that we need to learn how to put two solid halves together to be competitive.” □

FOOTBALL: Lions to face winless Miners

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just so frustrated with the way we were playing defensively that I almost went for it.” The lead would not last for long. Battle found Nardella, once again, for a 59-yard touchdown play to give Washburn the lead for good. To add insult to injury, Travis Smith picked off McKinzie for the second time and took it 88 yards for a score. Despite the loss, Gregory said he was pleased with the play of his freshman quarterback. “I think Seth played extremely well for his first time out,” he said. “I think we're coming around offensively. We had some young guys who are hungry and have some quickness to them.” Whitney led all rushers with 96 yards on 17 carries. Lydell Williams added 78 yards on eight carries and Shawn Williams had 11 yards on seven carries. “Shawn Williams looked really

good,” Gregory said. “He got the opportunity today and made the most of it. He's arrived to the point that he'll carry the ball and play some football.” McKinzie rushed for 111 yards and completed nine of 16 passes in his first start. Joey Ballard caught three passes for 67 yards. Battle finished the game with 351 yards through the air and three touchdowns. Nardella caught 10 balls for 221 yards and three scores. The Lions will travel to Rolla Saturday to take on the Miners, who also have one win on the season. Gregory said although Rolla is a running team, it will most likely throw. “I think we're a better football team than Rolla,” he said. “I don't have much confidence in our defense right now. Teams that have been running teams before playing us have thrown the ball, and I imagine Rolla will try to throw on us also.” □

FOOTBALL

Cornelsen cleared to practice, doubtful to start Saturday

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Brad is back. Or at least he is going to dress. After going down eight plays into the Sept. 26 showdown at Pittsburg State, Missouri Southern quarterback Brad Cornelsen will return to at least the sidelines as a backup for Saturday's contest at Missouri-Rolla. He suffered two broken bones in his foot on the play. The four-year Lion signal caller took a few snaps in Tuesday's full-pad practice and a few more Wednesday. He said it felt good to get back in on the action, but he is still a little sore. “It's bothering me a little bit,” Cornelsen said. “It felt all right for a while. I went through drills on Tuesday and it was OK, but Wednesday it was pretty sore.” After assessing Cornelsen's ability to

run in practice, Southern head coach Greg Gregory said he is a “longshot” to start this week. “It looks doubtful; he's just too sore,” he said. “You never know what is going to happen between now and Saturday, but I won't play him unless he's 100 percent.” Gregory said Cornelsen looked to be a little above 50 percent in Tuesday's practice. “When you talk about a guy who relies on quickness and speed, it makes it risky to play him at half speed,” Gregory added. “He could get caught in a pile up and reinjure himself.” Cornelsen was a regional finalist for the Harlon Hill trophy last season and a pre-season Harlon Hill candidate this year. At the start of the season, several records were within his reach. He needed 814 passing yards and 366 rushing yards to become the first NCAA Division II player and the second from any division to pass

for 5,000 yards and rush for 2,500. With 866 rushing yards he would become the first NCAA Division II player and the fourth from any division to rush and pass for 3,000 yards in a career. He would be the fourth quarterback from any division to rush for 3,000 yards. After playing against Northeastern State University and Northwest Missouri State, he could conceivably attain a few milestones. By gaining 200 yards, Cornelsen would break Southern's career total offense mark. He's 19 completions away from breaking Southern's career record. He is also 226 rushing yards away from becoming the second NCAA Division II player and the fourth from any division to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 2,500. Although these milestones are within his reach, Cornelsen said they will not be the first things on his mind when he steps onto the field.

“My first goal when I come back is to win,” he said. “I want these last few games to be fun and get a couple of wins so we can go out on a good note.” Although he is somewhat pleased with their performances, Gregory said he is happy to see Cornelsen back in practice. “It's good to have Brad back, but I had to emphasize to Seth and Mark that they still were going to be in there,” Gregory said. “I told them that it wasn't likely that Brad was just going to come back this week and start.” After reflecting on his career as Southern's quarterback, Cornelsen said he has much to be thankful for. “There have been lots of ups and downs through the last few years,” he said. “I've really learned that it takes everyone on the team to win. I've been lucky up to this season, and I was fortunate to play here.” □



Senior quarterback Brad Cornelsen pitches the ball during Tuesday afternoon's practice. Cornelsen will not start on Saturday against Missouri-Rolla.



The Missouri Southern Homecoming parade drew approximately 1,000 local spectators. The 1998 parade marked the second year the parade was held on campus. Instead of in downtown Joplin, The Joplin High School Marching Band mascot entertains some of the parade's younger spectators.
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Southern Safari

Koinonia sweeps Homecoming awards

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Led by victorious king and queen candidates, Koinonia Christian Campus Ministries won the 1998 Homecoming sweepstakes award with 226 of 316 points. Koinonia also captured the outstanding campus display award. On the field, the Lions fell 49-37 to the Washburn University Ichabods. Queen finalists were Amy Graves, Jessica

Cales, Chrystal Dean, Lisa Bandy, and Beth Cook. King finalists were Dustin Quesenberry, Brandon Lawson, Matt Olson, Jason Young, and Jeff Droz. Lawson and Cales were crowned royalty. The dance team captured the first prize for a group in the talent show; LaShonda Jones, Dustin Keeling, and Heath Ellington finished second; and the jazz band finished third. Cory Cooper won first place as an individual with Matt Morris and Joe Graves earning sec-

ond and third, respectively. The winning float in Saturday's parade was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha. Campus Activities Board finished second, Koinonia third, and the Student Senate fourth. First prizes in the marching unit competition went to Carl Junction Junior High (junior high), Fairland High School (small band), Lamar High School (medium band), and Joplin High School (large band). The newcomer of the year was Ficher-Cardin High School. The outstanding band was Joplin High School. □



Brandon Lawson and Jessica Cales are honored by Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, as the 1998 Homecoming king and queen.
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The Missouri Southern cheerleading squad display some of its national-ty recognized routines during Friday's Homecoming picnic on the oval.
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